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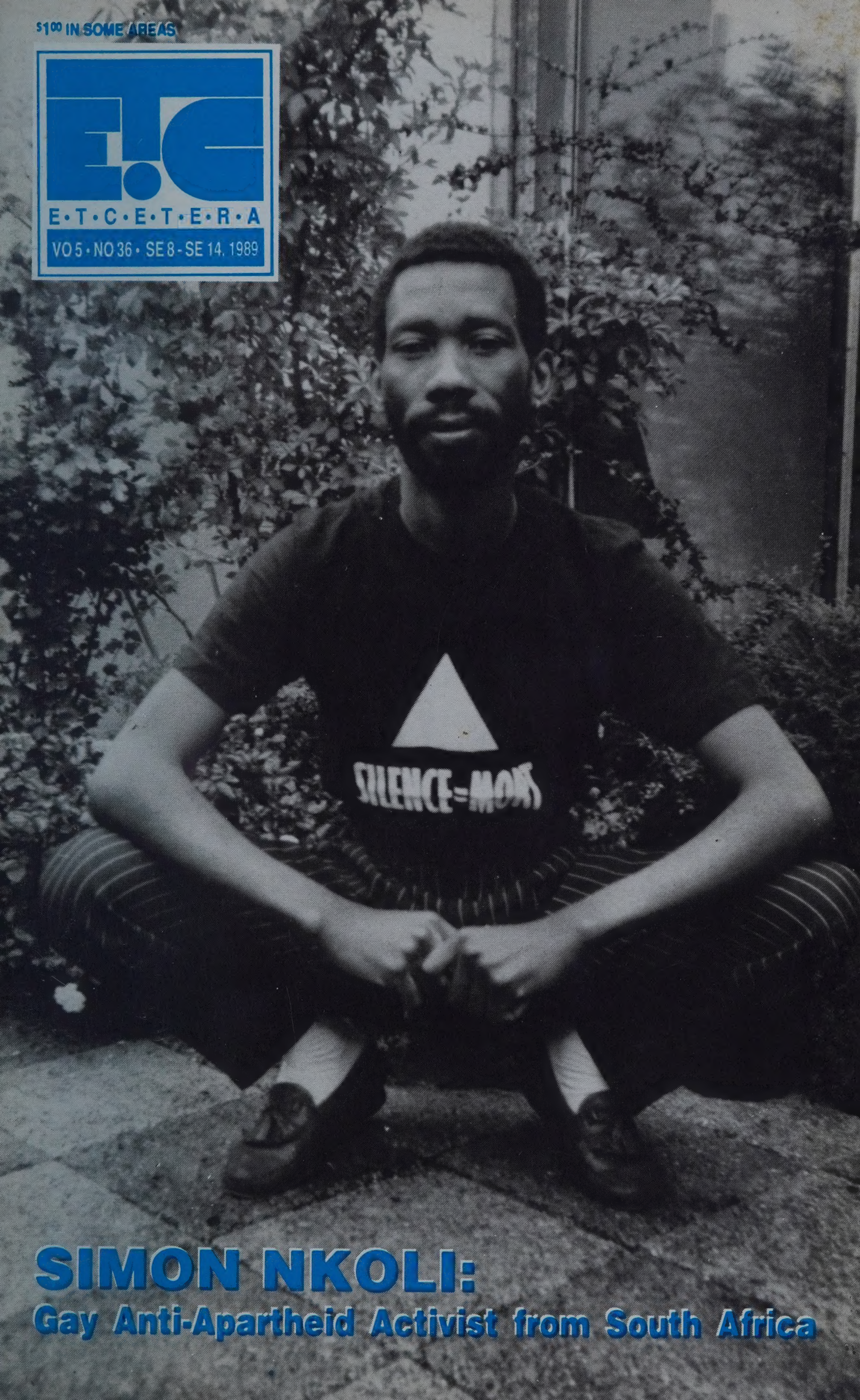
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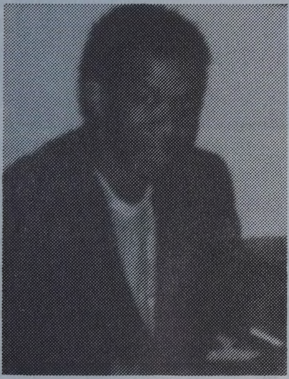

Raised the son of a Baptist minister and self-employed beautician, "I was never butch enough to be perceive as not being gay," says Duncan Teague about his growing up.

"The Church provided a safe place for me to be an artist and a lead singer and the pastor's son, but not a gay activist."

So it was not until Teague went away to college that he 'came out.' However, his activism did not begin until he moved to Atlanta some five years ago and joined Black and White Men Together (BWMT).

"Within one year I was working on the AIDS Education Committee," laughs Teague. While working on the committee, became involved with AID Atlanta first as a volunteer, then later as an employee performing outreach work to the black community.

Working at AID Atlanta was very important to Teague. "It wasn't just the work, it was the people, too. Ken South and the previous AID Atlanta people – I was always amazed how much they were willing to contribute."

Teague now serves as chair of BWMT's AIDS Education Committee as well as the group's Steering Committee.

Teague is still very involved in AIDS education. His most recent contribution has been through the National Association of BWMT's National Task Force On AIDS Prevention. BWMT received a Center for Disease Control community-based grant to develop and implement an extensive survey of the sexual habits, drug abuse and knowledge of AIDS of men in hard to reach categories.

These hard to reach categories include men who are homeless, intravenous drug abusers, younger gay men, and black men who sleep with men but do not identify themselves as gay. Teague has been involved with the project since its inception.

"The reason (BWMT) targeted these populations in our grant request is that we were concerned about the high percentage of blacks contracting AIDS," Teague commented. "It just seemed like the prevention and education dollars were not hitting many of those who most need to hear it."

Teague's alter ego is Amythest Pride. First seen in the first For Love and For Life, "I saw Amythest as an opportunity for me to say (to our community) what a drag queens want to say," said Teague about Amythest.

"One of the changes I wanted for Amythest was for her to be the first 'politically correct' drag queen. The only restraints on her are the ones put on her by Duncan.

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LETTERS

PRIDE OR CENSORSHIP?

Editors:

For once and for all, please tell us readers of *Etcetera* why the words "straight acting/appearing" are no longer allowed in the personal ads section. Not only is the policy dumb, it is another form of censorship that fails.

I just don't seem to understand why you allow advertising featuring very suggestive and very scantily clad male models for 900 numbers and gay gift shops to appear and not the G-rated phrase "straight acting/appearing."

Perhaps those who do advertise in the personals are so thoroughly disgusted with the typical gay look/image that they wish to separate themselves from any contact or association with people who do project this.

Perhaps there are those of us who are really and actually straight looking/acting (at least that's what family and friends tell us) and wish to use this quality to attract a different kind of response.

Maybe the term "straight acting/appearing" is simply the most accurate description a person is able to describe him/herself with. The words are simply adjectives *and that's all.* I know I personally would be more likely to respond to someone who really possessed this admirable quality than someone who advertised him/herself as "gay looking/acting." If I wanted a clone I'd go to the bars for heaven's sake!

Please reconsider your policy and stop the B.S.

Sincerely,
Name withheld by request

GROW UP!

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to a recent article in your publication in which a lesbian writer substituted the non-word "herstory" for history. Come on! That has to be the most asinine form of literary man-hate from a gay woman I have ever seen.

History comes from the Greek word "historia" meaning knowledge or knowing. The word has no relation to the masculine possessive pronoun, his.

Please advise this writer that this form of pettiness perpetuates a division between the sexes that we as gay people cannot afford. Gay men and women *must* be united in our struggle against discrimination, prejudice, and hate from the straight world. Bickering within our own society will only serve to weaken our cause.

If this imaginative writer insists on continuing to alter our wonderful language to soothe her dislike of men, whould we also refer to men named Herbert as "Hisbert"? Grow up!

Sincerely,
Ronnie Hortman

THE WEBER MYSTIQUE

Dear Editor:

The Bruce Weber mystique rolls on but its genesis eludes writers such as Steve Warren, who obviously don't do their homework.

Weber, is of course, the photographer who created the GQ look, the Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren ads, who discovered the face and body of the century, Jeff Aquilon and who gave straight America a quintessentially homosexual male for its boy next door. So potent is Weber's gay image of men that it's natural to assume that he too, is gay. His coy comments that never answer the question only add to the mystery. The truth behind the Weber mystique is far murkier than determining which sex he prefers. Despite his denials, I think it's pretty obvious which sex he prefers. That is not the point.

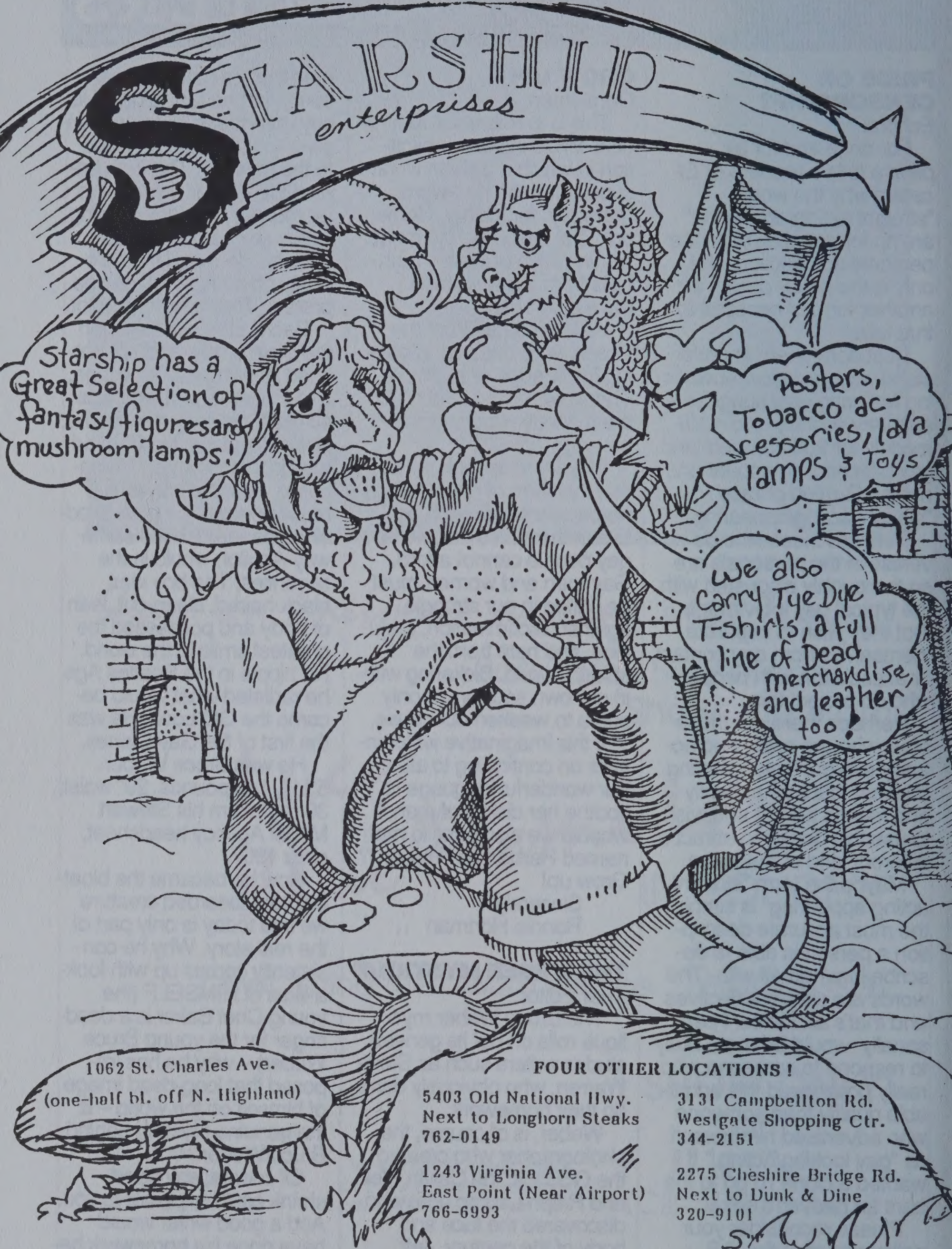
Back in the sixties, when the male model had still not shed its nanty-pansy image, a model emerged who was so breathtakingly handsome, straight-looking, bright-eyed, physical, and boyishly masculine, he instantaneously revolutionized the male model image – much the same way Aquilon would in the seventies. The boy was black-haired, clean-cut, lean of body and possessed the greatest smile in the world. No hippie in the Beatles Age, he radiated what would become the GQ Look. He was the first of the Gay Clones.

He was Bruce Weber. 5'11", 148 pounds, 29" waist, 39 reg., from his Stewart Model Agency headsheet, circa 1967.

How he became the bloated, bald, bearded creature we see today is only part of the real story. Why he consistently comes up with look-a-likes of HIMSELF (the young Chet Baker is a dead-ringer for the young Bruce Weber) – why he has imposed that long-dead image of himself on the world – is the genuine mystery behind Bruce Weber.

Of course, any good shrink could explain it to you. And a good writer would have done his homework before giving his readers the non-story Mr. Warren did.

Sincerely,
Alexander Wallace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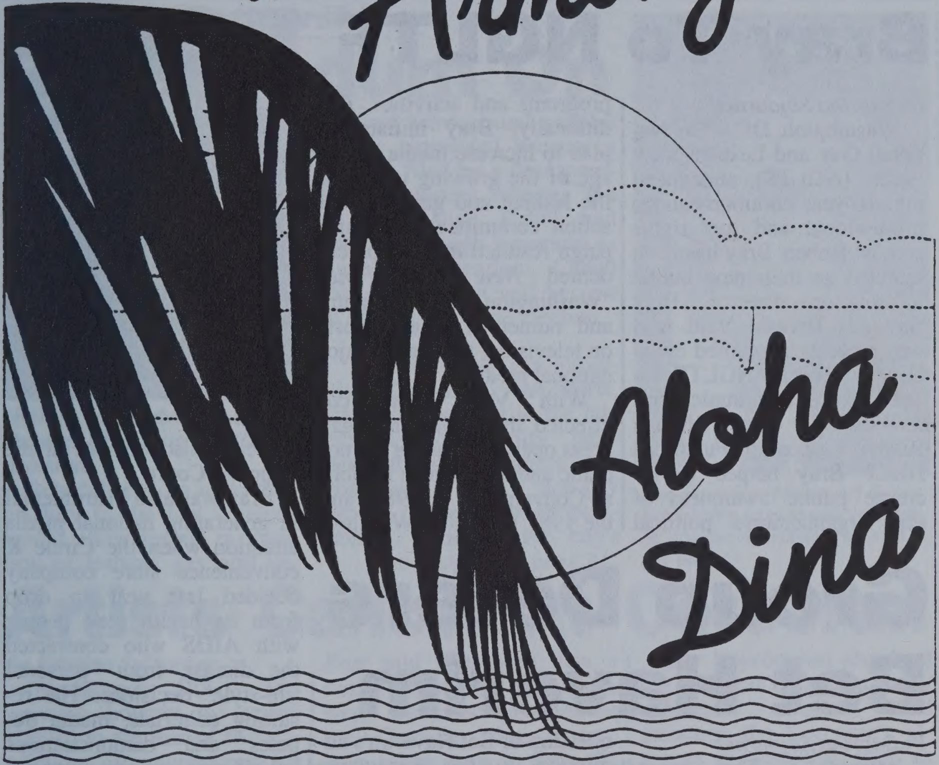

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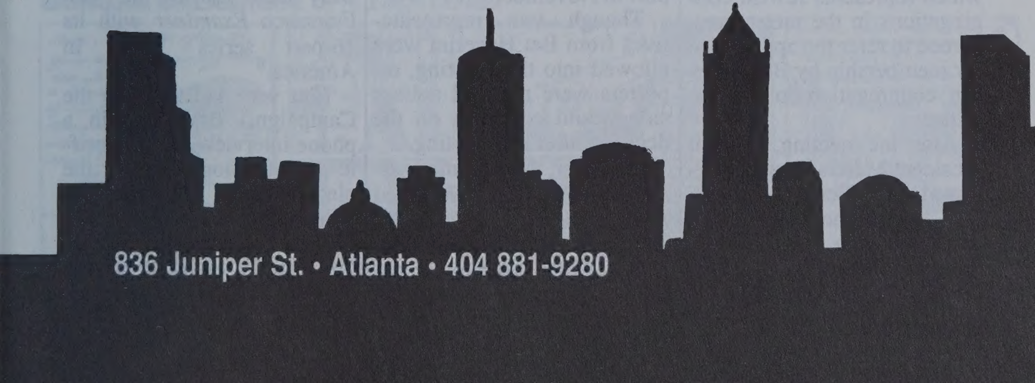

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NEWS, ETC.

Bray To NGLTF

by Sabrina Sojourner

Washington, DC – The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced that 10-year communications professional and gay rights activist Robert Bray has been selected as their new public information director. Bray succeeds Urvashi Vaid who was recently appointed executive director for NGLTF.

Bray was communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. At HRCF Bray helped to increase public awareness of that organization's political programs and activities. Additionally, Bray initiated a plan to increase media coverage of the growing power of the lesbian and gay political action committee. The campaign resulted in an unprecedented *New York Times* "Washington Talk" feature and numerous other reports on television, radio and major national media.

With Vaid, Bray co-directed the lesbian and gay press operations at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in 1988, and the 1987 March on Washington civil disobedience at the Supreme Court.

Robert Bray.

PHOTO: CLIFF O'NEIL

Bray was also instrumental in generating national media attention when the Circle K convenience store company decided last year to drop from its health plan people with AIDS who contracted the disease from "personal life-style" decisions. The resulting editorials, media debates and demonstrations helped pressure the company into reversing its discriminatory policy.

Through his association at HRCF, Bray has facilitated press relations for other organizations at various AIDS and gay events, including the recent National Organizations Responding to AIDS press conference to mark the 100,000th case of AIDS. Bray also assisted the San Francisco *Examiner* with its 16-part series "Gay In America."

"I'm very sad to leave the Campaign," Bray said in a phone interview. "It's a terrific organization and its the place where I came out politically.

"But I'm extremely happy about going to work for the

See Bray on page 16.

Group Defers Bet Haverim

by Sabrina Sojourner

Atlanta – The newly formed Synagogue Council of Atlanta has again deferred a decision as to whether or not to admit Atlanta's only lesbian/ gay congregation for membership.

On August 29, the Council met in a closed meeting at Beth Jacob Orthodox synagogues in DeKalb County. At the meeting, the Council, which represents Jewish congregations in the metro area, agreed to refer the application for membership by Bet Haverim congregation to a committee.

After the meeting, Council president Marcia Bergman released an official statement: "All synagogues in the the greater Atlanta area welcome members regardless of sexual orientation. Regarding the question of Bet Haverim's admission to the Synagogue Council, this has been referred to a special committee which will be reporting back on its deliberations."

Committee members will be appointed from all the branches of Judaism, and Bet Haverim will also be represented during the committee's deliberations. The committee is expected to deliver its report in November.

Though two representatives from Bet Haverim were allowed into the meeting, reporters were not and neither side would comment on the decision after the meeting.

However, the *Atlanta Journal and Consitution* reported that on Monday, August 28, many rabbis expressed concern that the issue could de-

See Synagogue on page 15.

Domestic Partnerships

Referendum On

San Francisco – On August 18, a Superior Court Judge dismissed the lawsuit filed by a lesbian couple in an attempt to block a voter referendum calling for the repeal of the city's domestic partners law.

National Gay Rights Advocates, representing the couple, stated that it will ask the Court of Appeal to block the referendum. However, NGRA conceded that its chances of getting a different decision.

Scheduled to go into effect on July 6, the law – which would allow formal recognition of lesbian, gay and unmarried heterosexual couples – was suspended because a petition filed by a fundamentalist Protestant minister and a conservative Rabbi had gathered enough signatures to force a referendum. Called Proposition S, it will be part of the city's general election.

Aide to openly gay Supervisor Harry Britt, Jean Harris, stated that leaders in the lesbian/gay community have been forging alliances and coalitions with non-gay groups in support of Proposition S. Most of the city's

See Prop. S. on page 21.

PHOTO: RINK FOTO

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos is lobbying gays to vote in favor of stadium referendum also on fall ballot.

Artists Cancel At Corcoran

by Sabrina Sojourner

Washington, DC – The growing boycott by artists has led to the loss of two exhibitions of contemporary art scheduled for this season at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and gallery officials admit that a third is threatened.

The boycott is in response to the Gallery's decision earlier this summer to cancel a restrospective of the works of gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe.

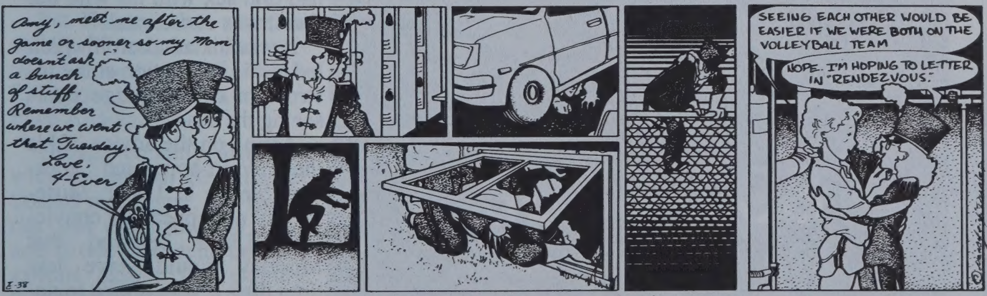
A report in the *Washington Post* said that more than a dozen artists, all of whom were scheduled to show at the Corcoran this season, have taken steps to deny the gallery access to their work. Two exhibits in the "Gallery One" series which were designed to survey trends in contemporary art, have been withdrawn. A third larger group show involving American and Soviet painters organized by the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX also appears to be in jeopardy.

The boycott has shredded the museum's contemporary exhibition program and threatens the Corcoran's attempts to reestablish itself as a serious venue for the showing of adventurous art.

Ross Bleckner, a New York painter, told the *Post*, "It's clear the Corcoran does not have the integrity to stand up for what they're supposed to be doing. If you choose to think an artist is important enough to warrant a show in

See Artists on page 20.

MORGAN CALABRESE *by N. Leigh Dunlap*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Moseley Released Pending Appeal

by Sabrina Sojourner

Atlanta – The Clayton County carpenter who was sentenced to five years in prison for performing oral sex on his wife was released on Wed., Aug 30 pending an appeal to overturn his sodomy conviction.

DeKalb County Superior Court Judge Robert J. Castellani granted the request from James D. Moseley's attorneys to release Moseley agreeing that he posed no threat to society. According to one of Moseley's American Civil Liberties Union attorneys Michael Mears, Moseley has a job to go to and a family to stay with while awaiting the decision on his case.

Moseley was convicted in May of 1988 in Clayton County Superior Court of having oral sex with his then estranged wife, Bette Roberts.

Roberts had accused Moseley of rape and aggravated (forced) oral and anal sodomy for allegedly violating her on Feb. 12 and 16. However, a Clayton County jury believed Moseley's account of the story in which he said that Roberts seduced him.

During his testimony, Moseley admitted that he had had oral sex with his wife but that it was consensual.

It was his admission which led to his conviction at the instruction of the judge overseeing the case.

Acting on the advice of his then court-appointed attorney, Steven E. Lister, Moseley did not appeal his conviction. Lister believed that Moseley would serve less time than it would take to appeal the conviction. Moseley was in the sixth month of his conviction when he was told by the Board of Pardons and Paroles that he would serve a minimum of two years.

ACLU attorneys filed a petition to overturn the conviction on July 28.

At a news conference following his conviction, Moseley shared that he had sent over 100 letters to people about his situation, but got few replies. He said that most people just didn't believe him.

"But I never gave up hope," Moseley said, "because I basically believe in the goodness of people."

The ACLU plans to challenge the constitutionality of the law which bans "a common sexual practice." The ACLU will also challenge prosecutors as to their oral sexual practices.

SYNAGOGUE

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stroy the Council, formed just this year to provide a common voice and meeting ground for the city's Jewish congregations.

Some Orthodox representatives threatened to pull out if Bet Haverim was admitted to the Council while some reform leaders said they would leave if the lesbian/gay congregation's admission was denied.

Bet Haverim has approximately 80 members and currently meets at All Saints Episcopal Church in downtown Atlanta.

Though recently affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionists movement, Bet Haverim was established in 1985 and is one of several congregations across the country that specifically serves lesbian and gay Jews.

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BRAY

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Task Force. It's also a terrific organization and I'm excited about the many different projects it has going, and it's association with other organizations around the country. Besides, Urvashi is one terrific person to work for and with."

Bray also stated that he believes the change will enhance what has been unprecedented cooperation between NGLTF and HRCF.

NEWSGRAFS

NEW YORK

In a dramatic turn around, the Gay Men's Health Crisis, one of the first organizations to form in response to AIDS, announced on August 15 that it will promote HIV testing among people at risk for developing AIDS. This reverses the organization's long held and much emulated stance of ambivalence on HIV testing among asymptomatic persons. According to *OutWeek*, New York's newest lesbian/gay weekly, GMHC's campaign will include $10,000 in print ads in seven New York-based newspapers. The ads read, in part, "If you haven't taken the antibody test for the AIDS virus, think about it, because if you test positive, now there are choices."

ALAMEDA, CA

On July 26, a three-member Coast Guard panel rejected petty officer Ricardo Huertas' challenge to a federal policy which bans openly gay people from serving in the military. The vote ends the 11-year career of Huertas who was dismissed from the Guard after he told his supervisor that he was gay. At the time of his dismissal, many of his shipmates publicly stated their objections to his dismissal. Ten former co-workers and shipmates testified on Huertas' behalf during the eight-hour hearing. In announcing the ruling, Lt. Commander Robert Brach, a member of the panel, said the board had no choice but to vote for dismissal because Coast Guard rules clearly state that gays cannot belong to the service. Brach also stated that perhaps the time had come to reconsider the rule. Huertas says he will continue to fight for reinstatement.

PALM BAY, FL

William Cruse,. 61, and a former librarian, received two death sentences and four consecutive life sentences for his conviction resulting from the deaths of six people and the injuring of ten others. Cruse's shopping mall shooting spree was because he believed his neighbors were spreading rumors that he was gay. Court records show that while Cruse had a history of being mentally ill, he was sane at the time of his rampage.

NATIONAL

In a surprise move, the US Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 14 granted citizenship to Masha Gessen, a 23-year-old Soviet immigrant who has repeatedly emphasized that she is a lesbian during her naturalization application process. According to a story in *Outlines*, Chicago's lesbian/gay paper, INS officials stated that there is nothing in US law to prevent lesbians and gay men from becoming US citizens.

Historically, the INS has denied visas, permanent residency and citizenship to homosexuals by classifying them as "not good moral character," possessed of a "psychopathic personality," or as "sexual deviants." According to openly gay US Congressman Barney Frank

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(D/MA), who has fought the immigration restrictions in the House of Representatives, the latter two categories have been invoked against visitors and applicants for residency while the "moral character" clause was utilized against those seeking citizenship.

ORLANDO

The National Gay Rights Advocates announced a hard-won victory in a three-year-long battle against AIDS discrimination in central Florida. The US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) has finally ruled against the termination of James Kautz, a surgical technician, by Humana Hospital Lucerne because he tested positive for HIV. The ruling requires the hospital to reimburse Kautz for all lost wages and employee benefits, and to revise its infection control and employment policies to prohibit discrimination against employees with AIDS and ARC. Kautz, who is in good health, is presently working as a surgical technician in San Francisco.

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ARTISTS

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your museum, then it is not appropriate to buckle beneath any political pressure swirling around."

Christina Orr-Cahall, the Corcoran's director said, "we were certainly very unhappy with the artists' decisions to withdraw. We would hope that they would recognize that we were confronted with an impossible decision, and that they would show their art here as a way to involve themselves in the discussions now going on.

"This is what we feared from day one. We're in the middle of the storm. We are working hard to combat the Helms amendment. We're trying to deal with the imperiled situation that we see now, and which we saw in April and May. It is no longer business-as-usual anywhere in the art world, and certainly not at the Corcoran."

The amendment she referred to was introduced by Sen. Jesses Helms (R/NC), and would prohibit federal funding of "obscene or indecent" art. Though passed by the Senate and attached to the appropriations bill for the National Endowment for the Arts, the amendment has yet to be approved by a House and Senate conference.

The Corcoran's last-minute cancellation of the Mapplethorpe exhibit, which included a number of homoerotic photographs, may have saved the gallery congressional disapproval, but at a tremendous price.

Large segments of the art community have accused the museum of knuckling down to "know-nothings," censorship and more. The Corcoran's reputation among contemporary artists has never been lower.

PROP. S.

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elected officials also support the law.

What would ordinarily be a low-key, low-turnout election has become the center of controversy with the addition of Prop. S. Supporters of a referendum which would mean a new stadium for the San Francisco Giants baseball team – including Mayor Art Agnos – are courting gay voters for support.

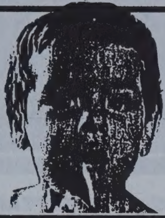
San Francisco activists believe that the domestic partnership issue will bring to the polls thousands of lesbians and gay men who normally would not bother with this off-year election and that is why stadium supporters seek an alliance with the gay community.

"Everyone wants gays to get on the ball-park issue," said Harris.

Polls indicate that 60% of the city's voters support Prop. S. Opponents to the law are claiming that Prop. S will lead to the break-down of the family and higher health insurance premiums for City employees – both of which Harris states as being untrue.

What the law does provide is the opportunity for lesbian/gay and unmarried heterosexual couples to register domestic partnerships with the City for a $35 fee and provides couples with a printed "certificate of partnership." The only financial impact from the law will be paid time off for bereavement leave for the purpose of attending a partner's funeral. It will not, as opponents claim, provide health insurance benefits for domestic partners.

Harris and other activists believe that it will be a close election and the the outcome will have an impact throughout the country.



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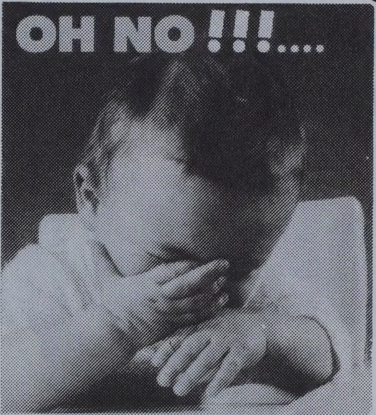

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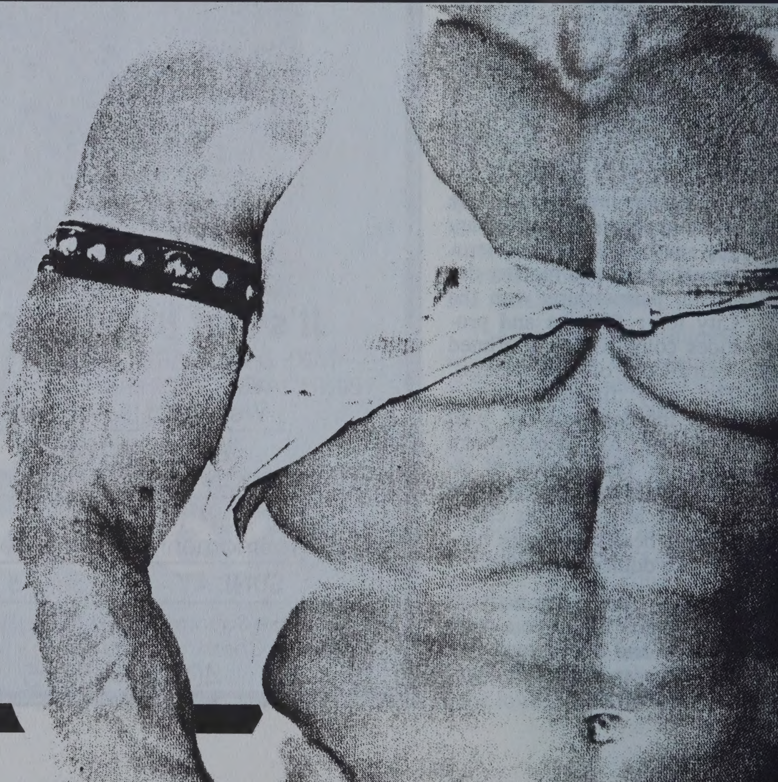
LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Conditions surrounding the domestic area appear vague. Having no direction is disturbing on the 8th, 10th & 11th. Solutions can best be obtained through friends now. Do some listening. After the 12th allow someone else to love you. Business opportunity is great on the 13th but bad on the 14th. Don't cheat yourself.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Friendships rekindled change your outlook. Positive feeling makes you more successful everywhere. Enjoy career praise on the 8th, 9th & 12th. On the 10th friends do something very nice for you. Romantic appeal is high on the 13th but you attract the wrong ones. Better luck on the 14th.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* Many changes occur on career fronts. Places change; people change. Thinking this situation over as just another adventure gets you through nicely on the 8th, 9th & 11th. Friends are amazed by versatility on the 10th. Avoiding a problem on the 12th makes it grow. Family needs you on the 13th, please be there this time. Love issues are cloudy on the 14th, but at least they still exist.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Do it all is not a viable solution now. Delegate some authority. Breathe a little.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* Confusion between family & partners is very time consuming. You feel a bit too leaned on now. Communication ability erases nasty feeling on the 8th, 11th & 12th. Firmly state your case on the 9th. Romantic ideas are ridiculous on the 10th. Friends enable you on the 13th. Loans come easy. Travel on the 14th provides a wonderful escape from relentless family obligations.



by Mike Voss

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* Direction is unclear. Partnership issues have you temporarily insane. Meditation & solitude helpful on the 8th & 10th. Friends offer unwise advice on the 9th. Business efforts look great on the 11th. On the 12th success can be measured financially. Family concerns take a back seat to romantic concerns on both the 13th & 14th. You've had better weeks.

ARIES *(Mar. 21 – Apr. 19)* Steps upward in career inflate ego on the 8th, 11th & 14th. Superiors leave some big decisions to you. Friends launch ill-fated romantic plans on the 9th. Shoulders to cry on can be limited on the 10th. Domestic strife can be avoided on both the 11th & 12th by honest communication. Flings on the 13th are actually "re-takes."

TAURUS *(Apr. 20 – May 20)* Conditions are excellent for romance. Take advantage of wonderful love aspects on both the 8th & 10th. On the 9th needy friends repay you emotionally. Good family news arrives at long last on the 11th. After the 12th solutions to domestic challenges get easier. Partnerships formed enhance career ambitions on the 13th & 14th.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Friends stop calling. I wonder why??

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Rebuilding family ties eases tensions on the 8th, 10th & 11th. Say yes to loved one's whimsical requests. The rewards by far outreach the effort. Romantic notions need to be nipped in the bud on the 9th. Better love aspects surround the 12th. Career snags can grow on the 13th by not controlling your tongue. Business ideas are sound on the 14th. Cash in on creativity.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Financial burdens find some excellent solutions on the 8th & 10th. On the 9th friends launch you into social ecstasy. Accept all invitations. Nice guys finish first on the 11th. Where will you place? After the 12th travel, business & family consume most thoughts. Romance on both the 13th & 14th is shallow, but you enjoy it anyway.

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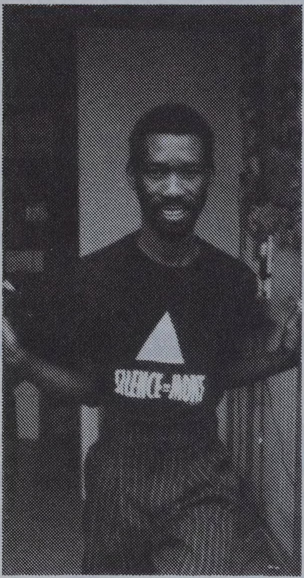
SIMON NKOLI: *In Another Country*

by Sabrina Sojourner



Johannesburg, South Africa – Several years ago when I first heard about Tseko Simon Nkoli, I was stunned by two things: 1) that there was such a thing as an openly gay activist in, of all places, South Africa; and , 2) that he was one of the Vaal 22, also known as the Delmas Treason Trial.

To refresh your memory, the Delmas Treason Trial was the result of revolts in townships surrounding Johannesburg to protest rent hikes imposed by local councillors. In the ensuing violence, five councillors were killed.

The South African Courts denied the Vaal 22 bail, resulting in Nkoli spending over four years of his life in jail. Nkoli was among the ten people acquitted of all charges in November of 1988.

Born in Phiri (Soweto Township) in 1959, Nkoli was raised on a small farm in Heilbron (Orange Free State) and has always been politically active, starting with the Vaal Youth Crusade in the early seventies. Not surprisingly, he has served in at least one office in most of the organizations.

Nkoli helped to found the Gay Association of South Africa in April of 1982, serving as the coordinator of the Saturday Group, a special interest group within GASA that became defunct while he was in prison.

Being one of the Delmas Treason Trial Group was not the first time that Nkoli was detained. In January, 1981 Nkoli was arrested under Section 6 terrorism act. Held without trial and without formal charges, he was not released until August of that year.

TRIED FOR TREASON

A committed anti-apartheid activist, in 1984 Nkoli was one of several known anti-apartheid leaders rounded-up on spurious charges following a riot that broke out after a banned funeral service.

Held for nearly a year and a half without bail or a trial, GASA was slow in speaking out about Nkoli's condition. GASA received world-wide criticism from lesbian/gay organizations for its slow response to Nkoli's defense.

Gary Kinsman, spokesperson for the Toronto-based Simon Nkoli-Anti-Apartheid Committee, in a 1986 interview stated that GASA was the first gay organization to be established in South African history and was probably feeling the need to bow to government intimidation.

At one point during the incarceration of the Vaal

22, South African authorities tried to use Nkoli's gayness to divide the solidarity of the activists. Authorities had got wind of Nkoli's involvement with one of the other men and leaked it to the larger group of detainees. A meeting was held by the men of the group excluding Nkoli.

According to James Credle of Rutgers University and a friend of Nkoli, Nkoli reminded the men that they knew about his gayness "before all of this started and made them see that this was an attempt by the government to divide and conquer." Credle continued, "Simon made them see that to allow that to happen would give the government a wedge and they would come up with more wedges until each of them stood alone."

The trail finally began in January of 1986. According to Kinsman, the South African government relied heavily on paid informants to prove its case against Nkoli and went as far as to intercept mail sent to Nkoli from inside and outside South Africa. At one point, the only way for mail to get to Nkoli was through his lover who is white.

The defense of the Vaal 22 was lead by anti-apartheid lawyer Pricilla Jana. And despite the government's attempts to make Nkoli a scapegoat, the defense was able to show that there was no real evidence to prove that the riot was organized or that any of the 22 were guilty of treason.

In November, 1988, 10 of the 22 – including Nkoli – were acquitted and charges were dropped against one over the course of the trial.

For Nkoli, his was a hollow victory. He continues to emphasize that the 11 still in jail "must not be forgotten, nor the thousands of other political prisoners in South African jails."

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

In addition to making sure that literally thousands of political prisoners of the South African government are not forgotten, Nkoli is also seeking employment. Prior to his incarceration, Nkoli was employed by the South Africa Institute on Race Relations/Oppression as the Education Support/ Program Coordinator.

While in jail, Nkoli was able to receive assistance from the different detainee support groups. Now, there are times when he literally feels the need to choose between buying food or buying postage. According to Credle, Nkoli places a high priority on correspondence because of his need to communicate the issues of his peo-

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ple with others all over the world, and to educate himself on issues in other countries.

Despite the hardships, Nkoli plans to continue working in the township communities, fighting for an end to apartheid and for lesbian and gay rights.

It is important to note that there is a different sensibility in black Africa regarding homosexuality, so Nkoli's openness is in some ways unique. While there are still tribal societies in which a person may be killed for being gay or lesbian, most black African societies fall into three categories:

- First, and by far the largest, are the societies which value same-sex relationships, but discourage exclusive homosexuality until after one has had children. Because to leave the world without children is to leave the world powerless because you will be ancestor to no one.
- Second, are societies which openly embrace bisexuality.
- Third are societies which see those who are exclusively lesbian or gay as possessing special spiritual powers.

In addition to his anti-apartheid work, Nkoli is an organizer for the recently formed GLOW: Gay and Lesbian Organization of Witwatersrand.

His recent visit to Vienna for the conference of the International Gay and Lesbian Association as well as his current tour of

America and Canada follows difficulties in obtaining his passport and visa.

"I anxiously, but with enthusiasm, look forward to meeting and greeting so many people throughout the US who gave me such strong support spiritually, monetarily and otherwise during my detention," Nkoli wrote. "It will be very tiring... but I must do it!"

The purpose of Nkoli's tour is to help raise funds for the Zulu AIDS Project. Currently, there is little to no information about AIDS going to black South Africans. The purpose of the Zulu AIDS Project is to develop educational, prevention, and care information in the appropriate languages for black South Africans.

Nkoli's appearance provides a unique opportunity for the Atlanta lesbian/gay community and progressive organizations, especially those involved in anti-apartheid work, to come together and share common ground in understanding the importance and value of Nkoli's efforts, and to bring support to his struggles for a non-racist, non-sexist, non-homophobic society in South Africa.

Simon Nkoli will speak on Thursday, September 7 at the First Existentialist Congregation at 470 Candler Park Road at 7:30. It is open and free to the public, however, a donation is requested. A reception precedes Nkoli speaking at 6:30.

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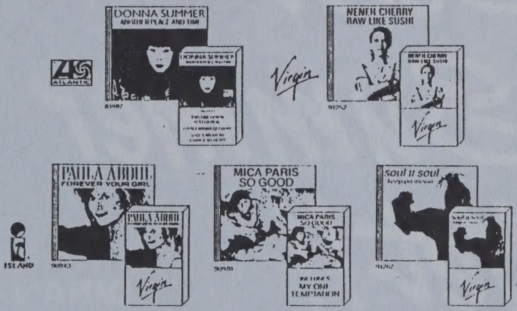

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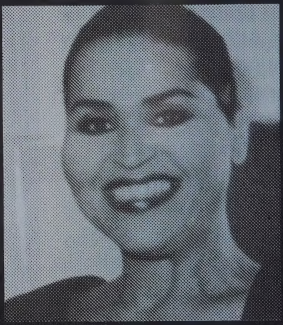

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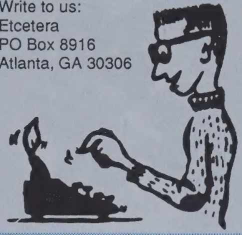
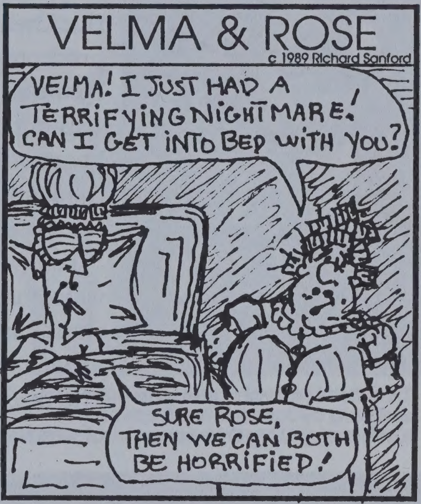


Fans of dance-music duo The Pop Tarts will be happy to learn that they have signed a major recording deal with London Records (label of Bananarama, Fine Young Cannibals). Based in NY and London, the band's independently produced LP "Age of the Thing," on the world of Wonder/Funtone label, was highly regarded by music critics and lead to three videos. Amazingly each video was made for less than $1,000 and the LP was recorded in a friend's bedroom for less than 1% of the cost of Pet Shop Boys' last album. Innovative and eccentric, the band gained an Atlanta following while on tour.

Fenton and Randy: Pop Tarts

Two recently re-discovered and restored films starring Josephine Baker, The Toast of Paris in the 1920s will be shown at the High Museum of Art's Rich Auditorium. "Zou Zou," a musical showcasing the exotic star's wild energetic dancing is Sat., Sept. 9, 8 pm. In "Princess Tom Tom" she plays a Tunisian native girl who becomes (yep) the toast of Paris. Sat. Sept. 16, 8 pm.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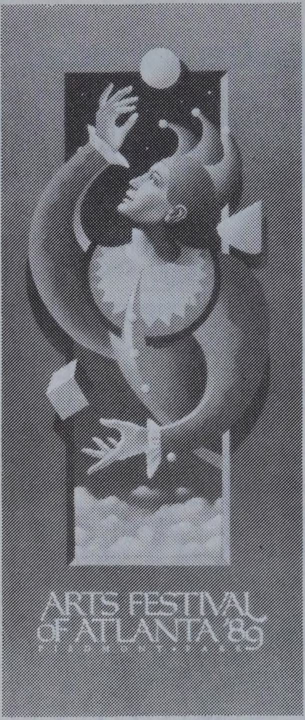
Art News

- Mayoral candidate Maynard Jackson will appear at a public forum on the arts on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6 to 7 pm at the Downtown Central Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, Carnegie at Forsyth St. Artists, arts professionals and the public are invited to participate.
- Nexus Contemporary Art Center celebrates its new home in the Healy Building at 57 Forsyth St., downtown Atlanta. The seventh annual benefit and membership drive will include an inaugural installation of art created by 10 artists from across the country, exhibition of artists books published by Nexus Press, and food and entertainment. Performers include saxophonist St. Clair Pinckney, reggae band One Drop Plus and Critical Art Ensemble. Admission is the price of a Nexus membership: $15 for working artists; $25 for individuals. 688-1970 for info.

ART in the PARK



The official Festival poster was designed by Jamie Jones and illustrated by Gary Overacre.

It was 1954 when the first Atlanta Arts Festival hosted 50 artists and 2000 guests for a backyard exhibit at Norman House in Buckhead. That success prompted the move to Piedmont Park, a 185-acre oasis in the heart of Midtown, where the festival has remained for 35 years.

Today the event welcomes hundreds of visual and performing artists and craftspeople. The burgeoning crowds of visitors naturally clog traffic for many blocks. (Hint: take MARTA to the Arts Center Station and either hike or take the special Festival shuttle.) A $1.00 donation will be collected at three main entrances to the park.

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The dance schedule includes tap, ballet and innovative choreography from groups like Ernst/Watson and Harrison and Company.

Did someone mention food? There's usually a wide variety from Indian, Greek and German as well as good old American carnival fare. (Question: Why is the Arts Festival permitted to sell beer and wine in the park while Hotlanta Softball is not?)

The Festival runs Sept. 9-17 daily from 11 am to 9:30 pm.

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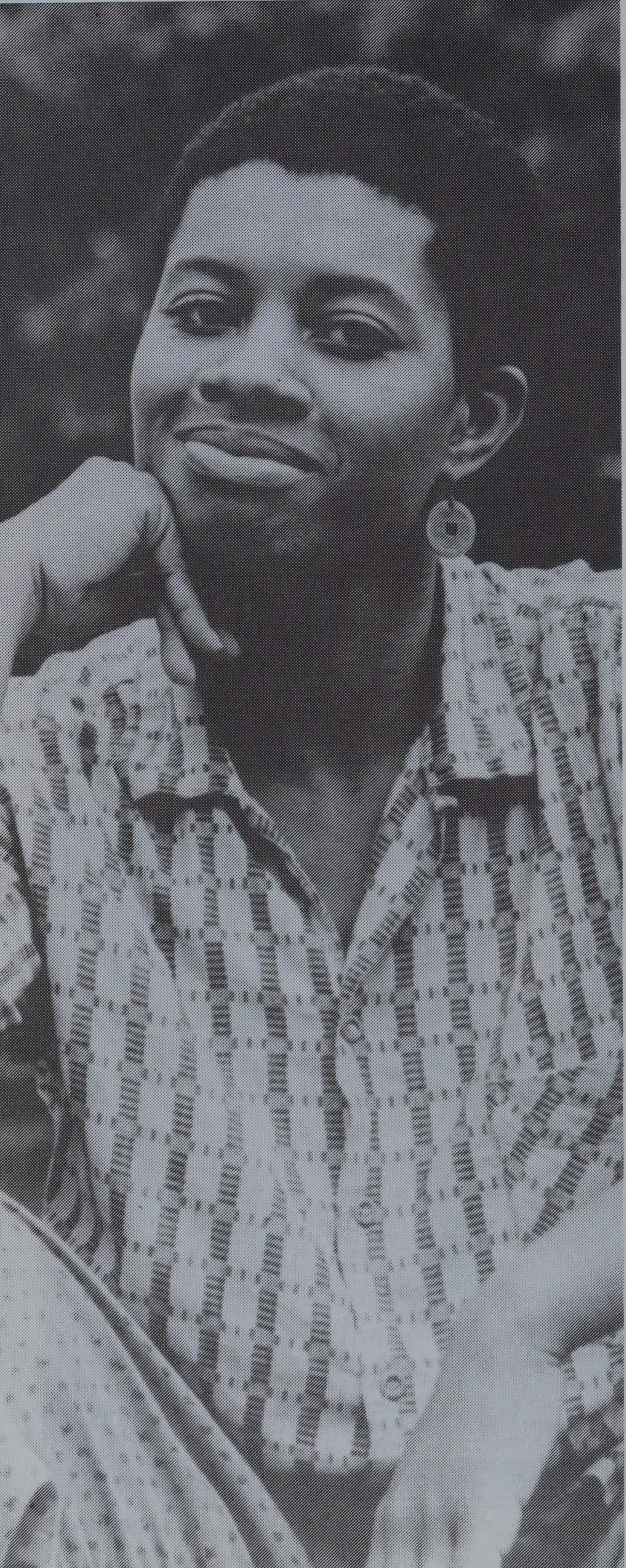

BIG M

Shay Youngblood's *Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery*

by Lewis Covington

Shay Youngblood was born in Columbus, Georgia, spending her formative years in government housing projects being raised by five older Black women, her birth mother having died when she was two years old. Her experience at the knees of these strong women became a collection, *The Big Mama Stories,* published earlier this year by Firebrand Books.

Through the eyes of an inquisitive 12 year old, Youngblood relates the stories of her Big Mamas, women "who managed to survive some dangerous and terrible times and live to tell bout them." In the telling we meet a cast of unforgettable characters.

The main character is Big Mama, a big-hearted woman who takes the girlchild into her home. Big Mama is

AMAS ARE BACK!

one of the members of the #2 Mission Prayer Circle who are responsible for the girl's spiritual education. With humor and sensitivity, Big Mama recounts stories of survival; of Black women in struggle for dignity in the white man's South of the 50s and 60s.

Her stories are carefully constructed. She tells the girl, "A story ain't something you just read off like ingredients on a soap box. A story's like a map – you follow the lines and they'll take you somewhere," explains Big Mama.

It is not frequently a pretty place – through innocent eyes come startling images of blind hatred and racism, of rape and violence, of work farms and flim-flams.

Other mamas helped guide the girl to womanhood. There's Aunt Vi, a Christian woman who relies on ancestral spirits for guidance and herb and root medicine for healing. "Even God need a back-up," she declares.

Miss Rosa, the community's funeral director, possessed a love of animals that produced a menagerie of embalmed and dressed pets throughout her house. This includes her pet monkey Mr. Please who joined the silent collection after mucking up Miss Rosa's "last chance at a lil romance," one of the funniest stories.

Miss Corine, the beautician, knew everyone's stories and had no fear of expressing her opinion. She says, "Standing over somebody's head for two or more hours gains they full attention." In the beauty shop the girl hears many more stories from the patrons Big Mama calls the "walking-talking newspapers."

Perhaps the most poignant story belongs to Miss Tom whose masculine appearance allowed her to pass as a man, getting work on a shrimp boat and enrolling in a trade school "for colored men." Miss Tom explains, "Only work a colored woman can get... is cooking, cleaning, washing or whoring, and I ain't partial to none of them."

Miss Tom lives with a special friend. The girl remembers, "I heard folks say she and Miss Lily was funny, but I never noticed nothing funny bout either one of them. They was serious women." And their love too was serious.

Youngblood, whose studies have taken her from Clark College to New York, Haiti and Paris, crafted her *Big Mama Stories* into the play *Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery,* which premiered last December at Horizon Theater in Atlanta to enthusiastic sell-out houses. The playwright says, "Because the women who peopled my stories were so vivid and

Carol Mitchell-Leon and Marguerite Hannah played Miss Tom and Daughter in the original production of *Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery* last December.

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real, I wrote the play so that I could see them really come alive."

Drawing from the wealth of talented Black actresses in Atlanta, the cast garnered much acclaim in the first production. *Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery* will be restaged at Horizon Sept. 15 through Oct. 28 with some of the original cast members: Ginnie Randall as high-spirited and non-tee totaler Aunt Mae, Mary Holloway as Miss Corine and Georgia Allen as Big Mama.

Shay Youngblood is a master storyteller. It was her search for the truth that produced this moving and inspiring work, a celebration of love and family, of trial and triumph, of strength and dignity. Simply written and intensely felt, the stories capture the questions of youth and the wisdom of elders. We are reminded of our own Big Mamas, inspiring a new appreciation for those whose influence molded us.

Most of all we are left with a desire for more stories and they are forthcoming. Youngblood is currently shakin' the mess out of a novel and a screenplay, both set in Paris.

Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery *runs Sept. 15-Oct. 28, Horizon Theatre, Euclid & Austin, Little Five Points. Call 584-7450 for tickets or purchase at Charis Books. A special benefit performance for the National Black Women's Health Project is scheduled for Sept. 13 at Horizon. Additionally, scenes from the play will be performed for the Arts Festival of Atlanta in Piedmont Park Saturday, Sept. 9 and Mon., Sept. 11 at 8 p.m.*

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On my first outing, which was lunch, I chose the special – cheese ravioli complete with lots of salad and a fresh, warm loaf of light wheat bread accompanied by whipped butter. First of all, don't worry about the service. It's friendly and fast. Second, you'll never eat a cold meal. The food is plenty hot if you ask me and don't be surprised if, at meal's end, you find yourself saying "I'll take the rest home." (No darling, not the resthome, the rest home!)

Anyway, the cheese ravioli was generously filled and sat in just the right amount of a tangy marinara sauce. Let me back up a moment – since everybody gets a salad with their meal they bring one huge salad for your entire table so who needs a salad bar?

On my second trip to Joni's I chose the fettuccini alfredo and my partner indulged in shrimp scampi. It was dinner time, we were starved and once again we got plenty for our money. The shrimp scampi – I couldn't keep my hands off – was scrumptious with plenty of fresh, cocktail-sized shrimp seasoned in garlic to perfection atop a full-to-the-rim plate of linguini. As my one and only criticism I would like to respectfully suggest that there be a tad less butter melted into the shrimp scampi. Then again, it's probably nirvana for some folks.

My fettuccini alfredo was divine – creamy, not too rich or too heavy... and rates second only to... breathing. Okay so there is one other thing I like as well as breathing but let's not get too personal.

On my most recent outing to Joni's – twist my arm – I went for a light lunch – shrimp salad – and my partner devoured a generously topped pizza. I've had shrimp salads before but Joni's is the only place where I'd order it again. Aside from being massive the shrimp, again large and fresh, was *not* served sparingly and I admire that in a restaurant. Enough said.

And now for the desserts. Between my three visits and various and sundry dining partners I've lost my soul to chocolate mousse pie, Key lime mousse pie, and cannoli. I'd be hard pressed to say which one was absolutely, positively the best but since you insist I'll give the cannoli 1st prize in a hotly contested race. You'll be thankful no matter which one you chose.

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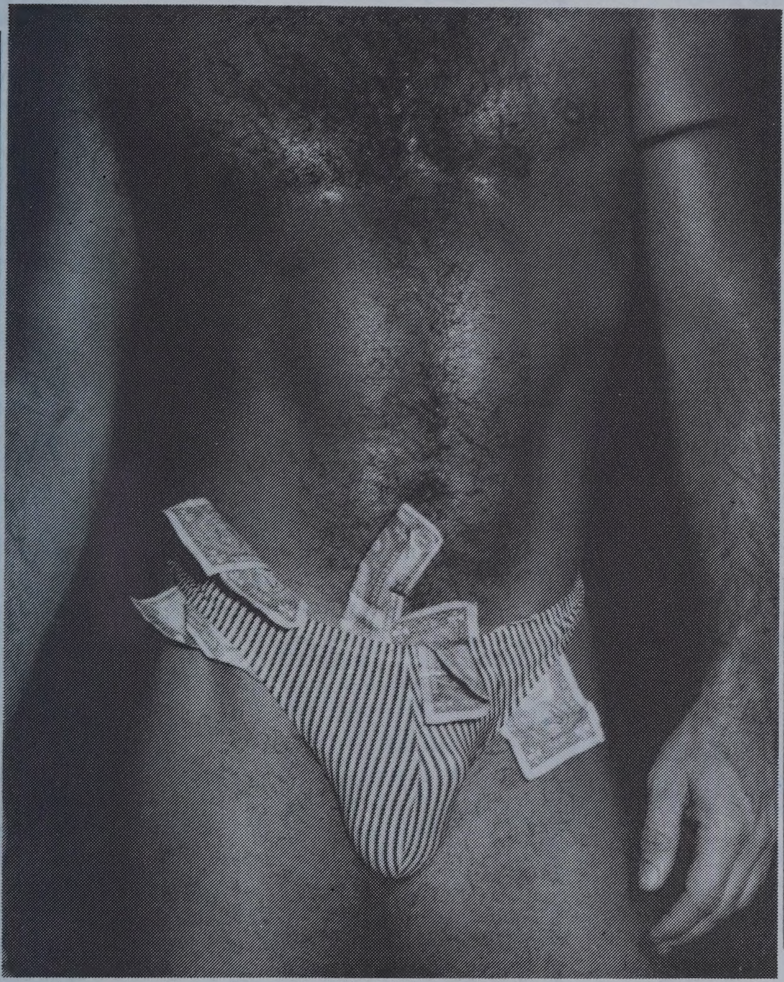

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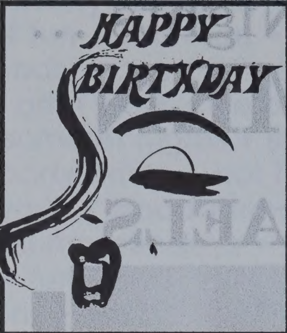

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An Advice Column by Tutti Fragonia

Dear Tutti,

Is it wise to have sex with someone you just met on the bus?

J.O., Decatur

Dear Puzzled Reader,

Not during rush hour; other riders might complain. If one must, there are certain precautions one should take. Jumping from the bus into the sack, (or wherever) with an unknown is very improper. In this day and time, we must be cautious of our fellow travelers (Tutti finds this very unfortunate). We know what you have on your mind, but what plans do this other person have for you. These plans might not always be of a pleasant nature.

The first step would be to start up a conversation and find out each other's full names. Suggest going for a cocktail, coffee or a bite to eat in a public establishment. Another route, if time is limited for either party, is to arrange meeting somewhere at a later time for the above mentioned and exchange phone numbers (never addresses). After this, if all seems well and to your satisfaction, you may pursue your dream. And remember, sweet pea, play all your games in a safe manner.

Dear Tutti,

Which is better, true love or good sex?

V.C., Clarkston

Dear Confused Reader,

This is a question that has been asked through the ages, and I have been there to hear most of the responses. Of all the possibilities, true love is the only answer.

True love is healthier for the spirit. It affords one with stability, commitment, and the comforts of home. Of course this should not be confused with eternal love. True love can happen many times within a lifetime. (Trust me explicitly on this one.) Great sex may enhance the spirit somewhat, and can do wonders for a person's attitude, but this is only briefly. Also, once you have experienced great sex, you're ruined for life. Believe me on this one, hon.

Tutti welcomes letters from readers. Remember that the only stupid question is the one not asked. Write to Tutti c/o Etcetera Magazine, PO Box 8916, Atlanta, GA 30306. Tutti cautions that personal replies are not possible.

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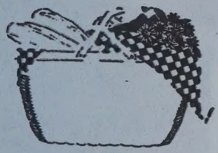

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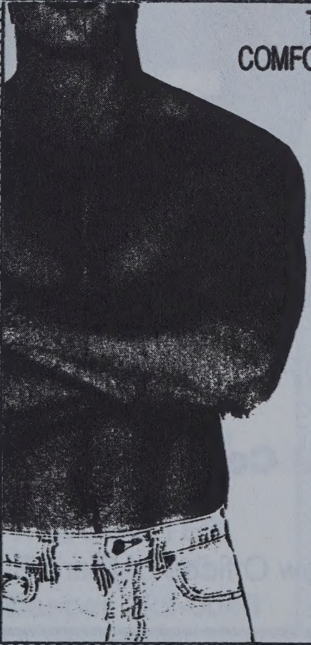

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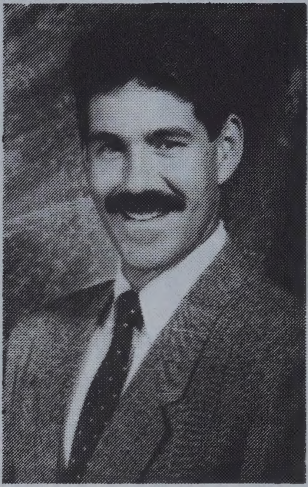

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▲Los Angeles' Griffs, Open Division Champs
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The Los Angeles **Griffs** won their fourth Open Division World Series championship on August 26 in Atlanta and the Chicago **Synergy** won the championship of the Women's Division.

The **Griffs** defeated the Virginia **Outlaws** 7 to 1 in the championship finals of Series '89 on Saturday to give the LA team their first World Championship since 1981. The **Griffs** victory gives the team the distinction of holding more wins in the thirteen year history of the Gay World Series than any other team. Last year's returning champs from Twin Cities placed third in the Open Division.

The Chicago **Synergy** defeated the San Diego **Returning Champs** team to win their first Series championship in the Women's Division. The San Diego team, which is last year's returning champion in the division, placed second, and the Kansas City **Angie's Birds** finished third.

The second NAGAAA Recreational Division of the World Series was won by the San Francisco **Galleon** and the Baltimore/D.C. **Hippo** placed second.

Competition went very smoothly during the four-day tournament with hot, but clear weather conditions throughout the Series. There was some controversy concerning straight players and a New York team in the Recreational division was forced to forfeit a game to Atlanta, but otherwise Series '89 experienced no problems on the field.

The Atlanta Series will, however, be remembered as one of the most competitive and injurious World Series with several major injuries occurring on the field.

The annual Fall NAGAAA meetings which were held in conjunction with Series '89 concluded with an unusually pleasant session. No major changes to existing NAGAAA policies were made during the 1989 meetings and Boston, Massachusetts won the right to host Series '91 with a bid of $91,000. The highlight of the NAGAAA meetings was a reception for delegates held at the Carter Presidential Library which was also attended by City Councilpersons Mary Davis and Barbara Asher.

The awards banquet which was held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza was a tremendous

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success. The Westin banquet, complete with a full sized "Gone With the Wind" facade of Tara, served up southern hospitality featuring the Armorettes in traditional southern hoop skirts and performances by entertainers Mickey Day and Dina Jacobs.

A fatigued World Series Executive Board met on Monday night following the banquet to conclude Series '89 business. "Atlanta was the T," commented a happy World Series Executive Director Gregg Ray, who intends to enjoy a brief but well deserved retirement from softball. "We heard nothing but positive comments about the Series," added a smiling but bedraggled Ray, "but don't look for Atlanta to make another bid for the Series in the next few years."

Thus concludes the largest gay sports event in Atlanta's history. Series '89 joins the history of other past tournaments and events, but with the hosting of the Gay World Series, Atlanta has made its indelible mark as a major international center of gay athletics and culture. Atlanta has said to the world, "Our gay community is among the best and the brightest," and if nothing else, the dream that became a reality of hosting the World Series proves that the Gate City has "come of age" as a gay capital on the brink of the "Gay Nineties."

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Oh, it was a hard labor weekend on the Gulf Coast. Fantasies – Pensacola. photo Hearst

Key Largo is just one of the places Orlando's women put some serious partying down. photo Hearst

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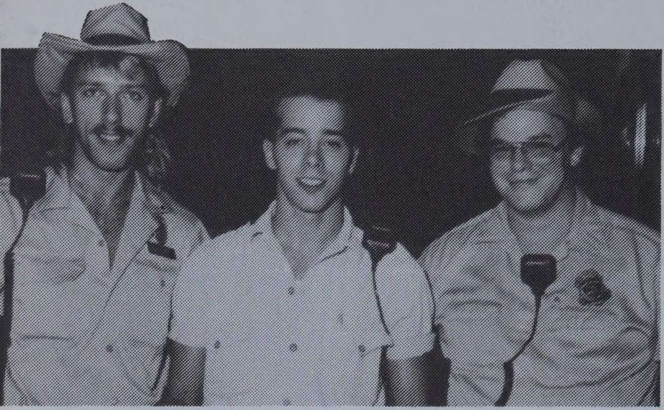

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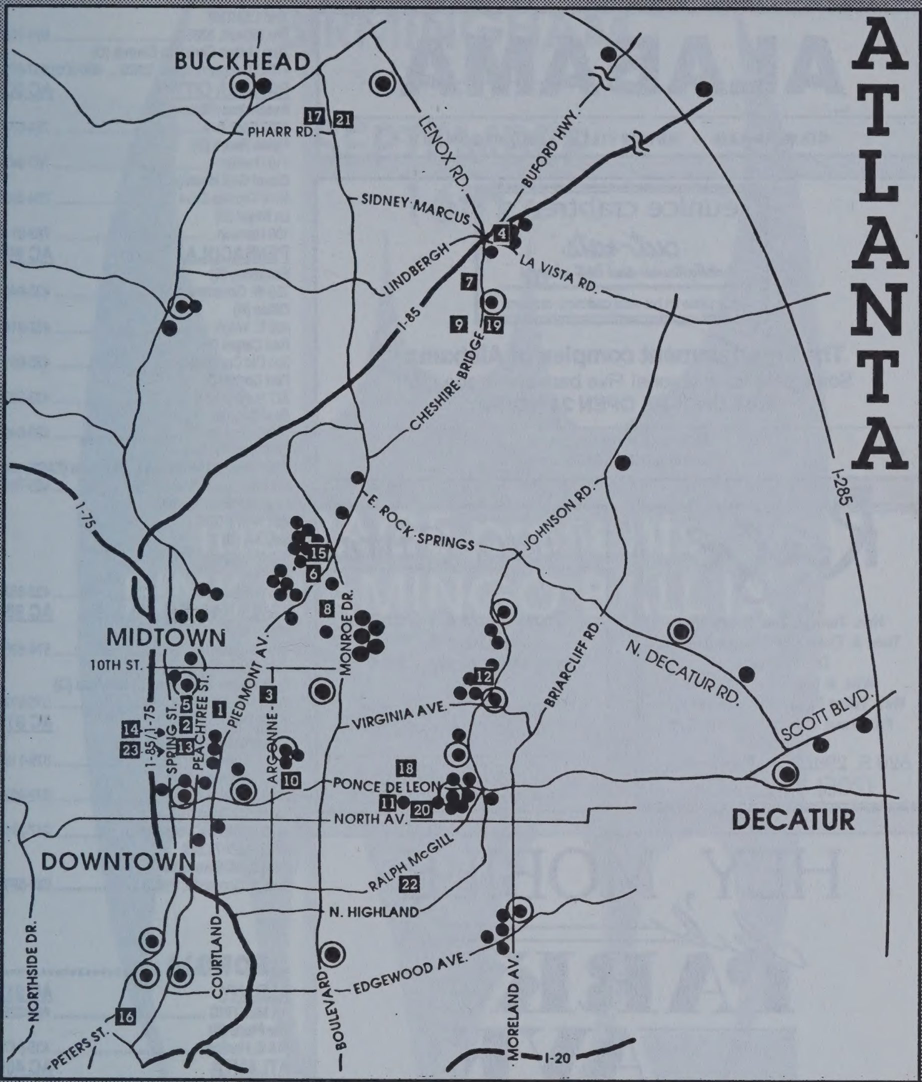
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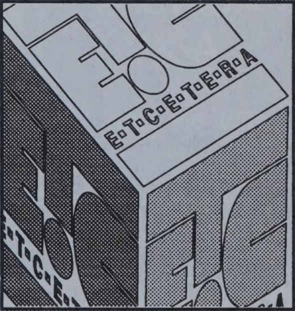

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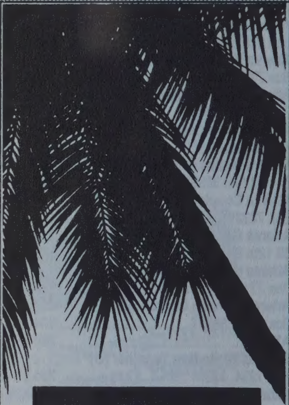

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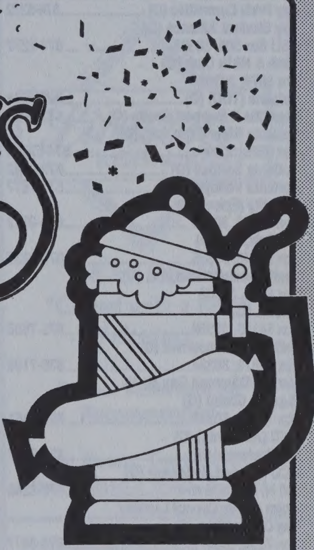

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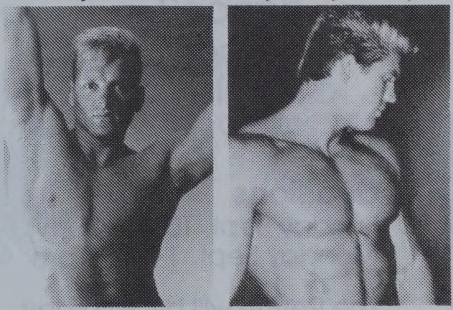

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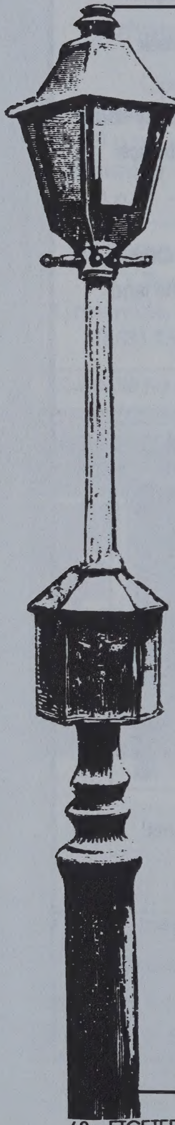

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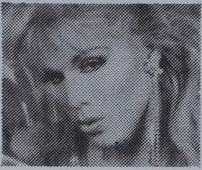

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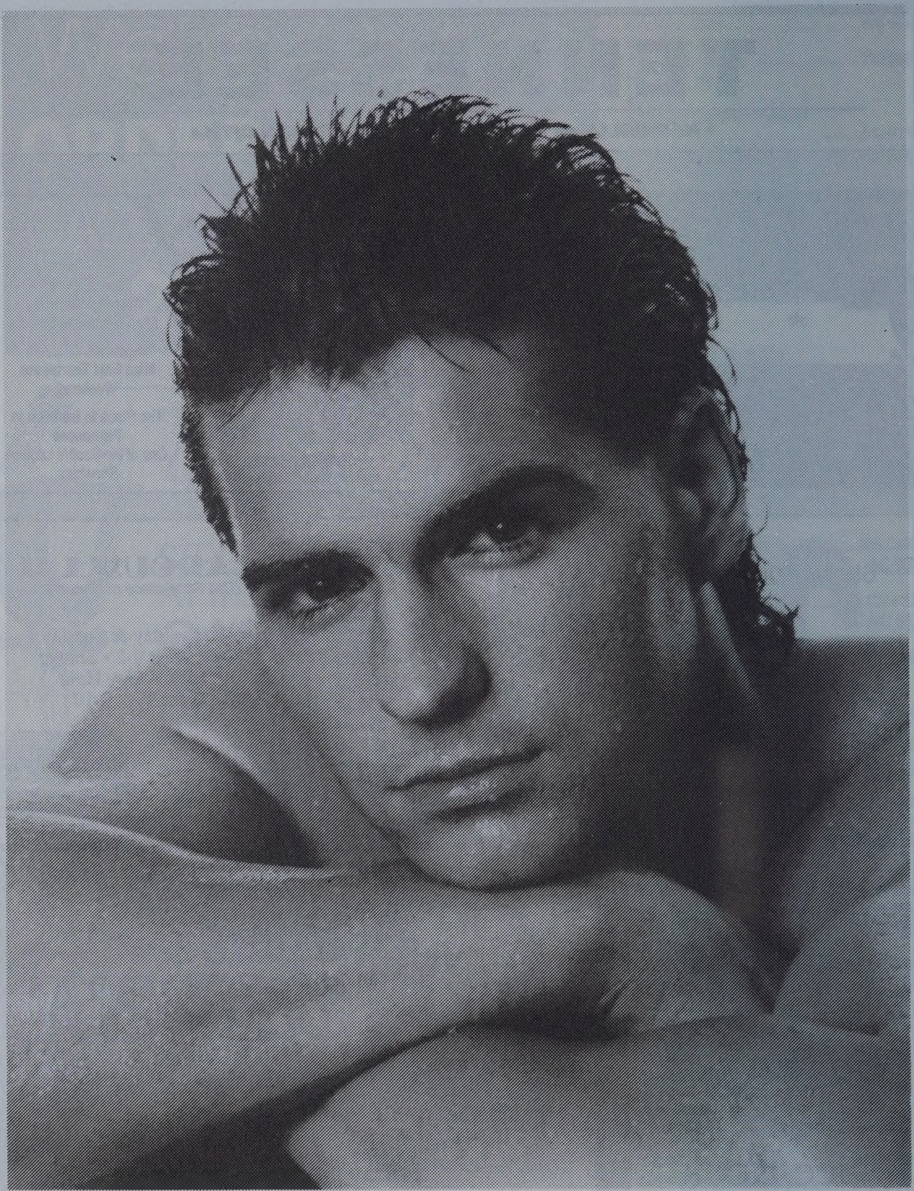

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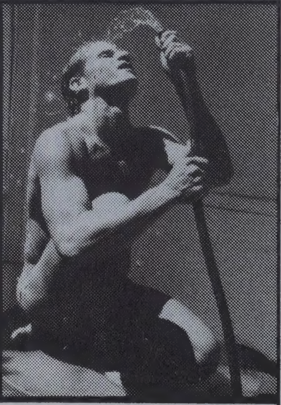

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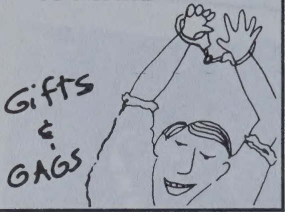

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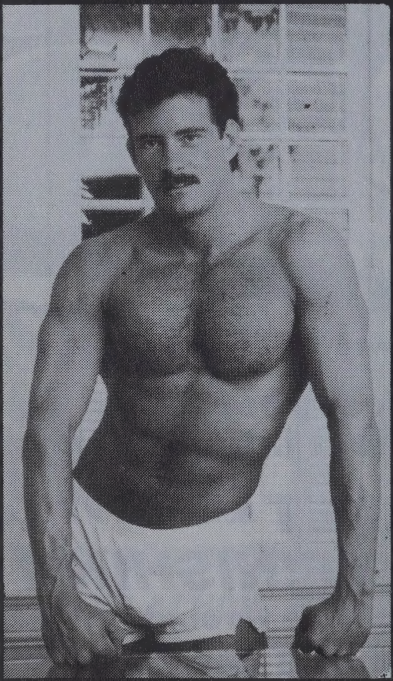

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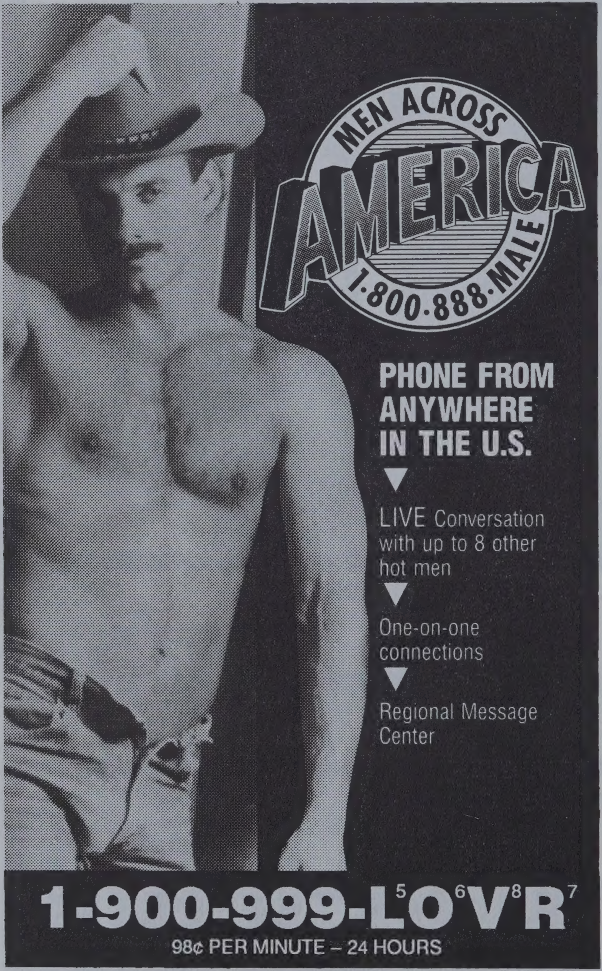

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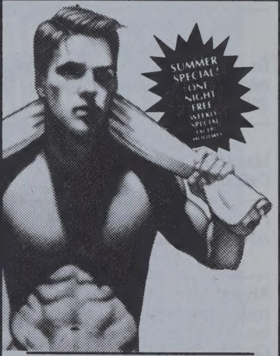

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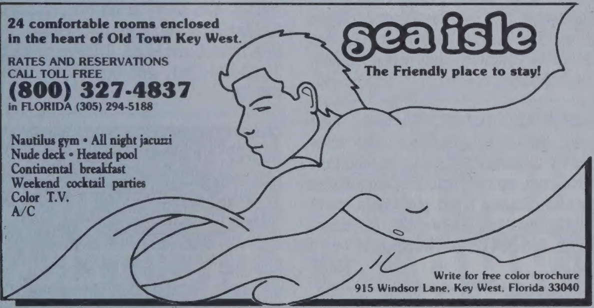

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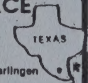

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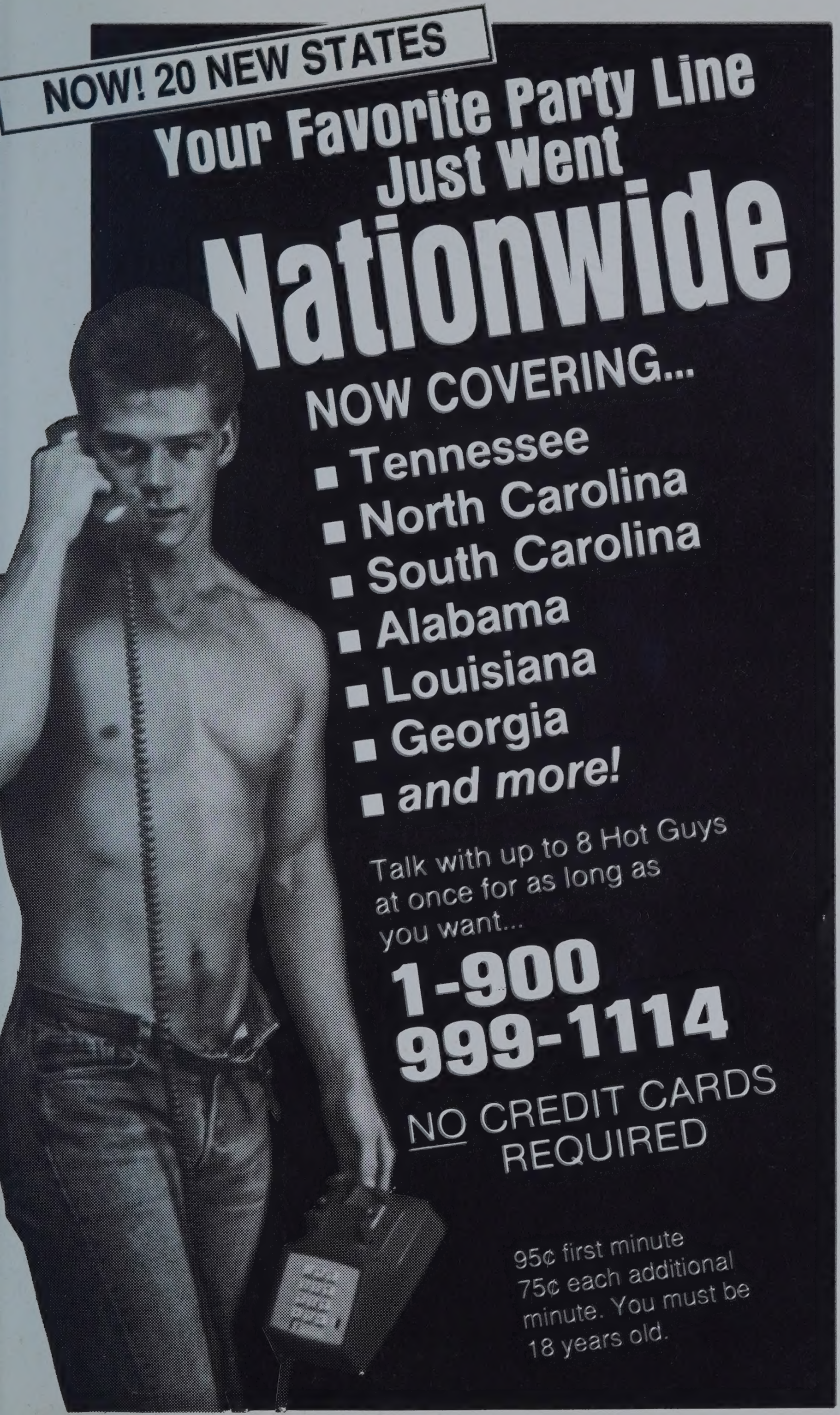

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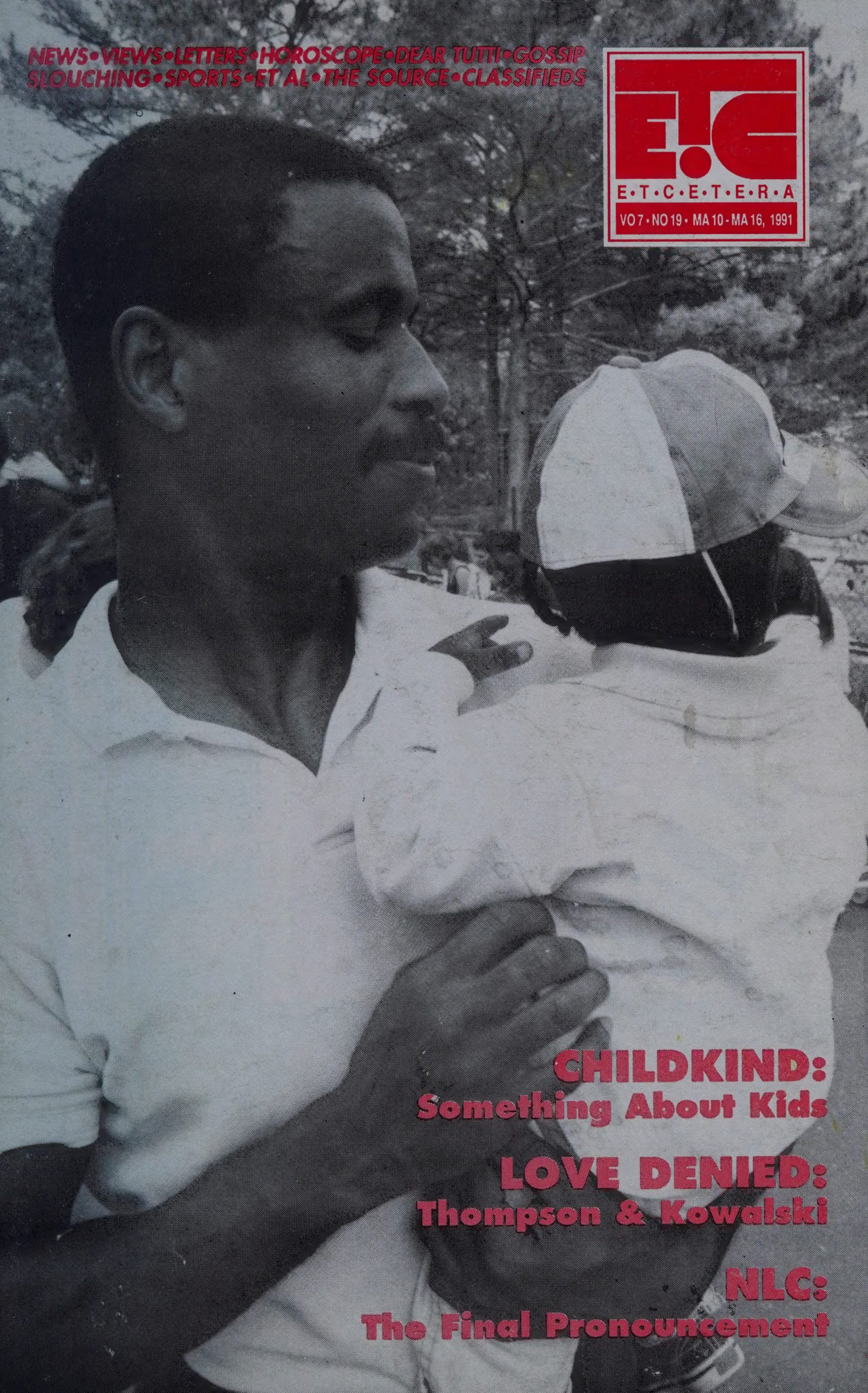

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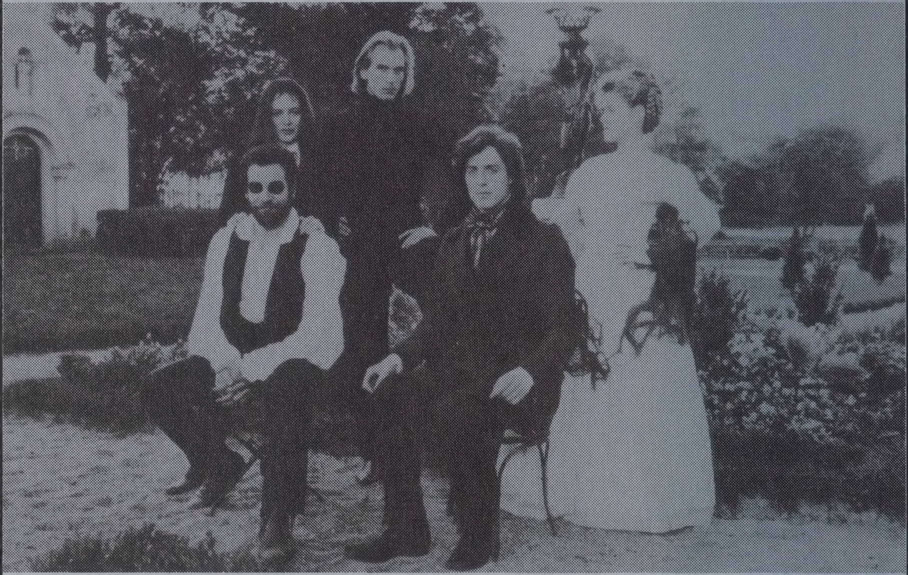

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ON THE TUBE

Dear ETC:

I just viewed Sally Jessy Raphael's show – subject Miss Gay America winners. I salute these fine entertainers. Brandy [Alexander] stated firmly and clearly that female impersonation as a performer is an art form – so true!

At the tender age of 47 I too have gotten bitten by the bug. I have been surprised at the reactions of the patrons. They greeted my efforts warmly and lovingly and the patrons still compliment me on my efforts.

The reason for the letter. There was a Baptist minister on the show also. All he did was rail against the ladies. Damn what they did, damn the gay lifestyle and in general, cloak himself in the Bible and its passages. As so many ministers and senators do, he hid himself in self-righteousness and holier than thou behavior. I would have liked to ask the minister if he can judge others based on what verse he chooses out of the Bible, why then shouldn't he be judged as a bigot and a homophobe.

Ministers are supposed to preach the Gospel – that is God's love through Jesus for us all. I wonder how much his congregation has done for gay and straight PWAs and Children with AIDS? Probably nothing. Drag queens have done more to help these segments of the community at large than ten so called "Men of God."

Gary J. Geracci
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IT'S UP TO YOU

To Gay Atlantans:

In June, Atlanta celebrates 20 years of Pride. This celebration is for **you!** The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee wants 20,000 people to march in the pride parade. This is less than 7% of the estimated 300,000 gay residents of Atlanta. I challenge **you** to be one of 100,000 joining hands in celebration. Why **you?** Because:

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3) The National Endowment for the Arts wants to censor what art that **you** are able to see.

4) Cracker Barrel has had a policy that states they will not hire **you** because of your sexual orientation. How many other major corporations have the same unwritten policy?

5) The Federal Government has all but turned their heads the other way in regards to AIDS funding.

When everyone is turning their heads the other way, pretending that if they don't see **you,** then **you** don't exist; will **you** turn your head the other way too? Or will **you** join **me** and thousands of others to show **we** do exist. We will not go away. Let us show them **we** are here, and **we** are proud to be gay.

David L.

WHY DO WE FIGHT?

Dear Etcetera:

I am a gay male living in Atlanta. One Friday evening in March, I went to one of the women-oriented lesbian bars. I came in with two girls and took a seat. Sitting alone, I was accosted by four women at the table next to me. They harassed me about being at "their" bar. They said fags have their own bars to go to.

I was truly devastated. Why would they attack me this way?

I just want to say to the gay and lesbian community, this is unacceptable behavior. We are in this together. And this is the worst form of prejudice. We should love and understand one another. We have enough going against us.

Billy Hodgden

POINTS TO CONSIDER

Dear Editor:

1) Even though I do not expect to use a 1-900 gay line, I think those who want such service are not doing anyone harm, and therefore have a right to such service.

2) I agree with John Gunn that the gay community needs to unite, and I see a few Captains in training that will lead the fight for "our rights."

3) As far as Mark S. and Anonymous talking about gays getting "caught" in both public and National Parks, I could not disagree more with them. They make me sick. Having sex in the park can be fun, so is driving down Peachtree Street at 100 miles per hour. Both are very dangerous and not in the best interest of the public. I think most of us would like society to accept us as human beings, not people who act like dogs in the park.

What is wrong with having sex in the privacy of your home or apartment? We need "gay rights" to get a good education, keep a job, live in a nice place, get married and be free to be accepted as normal people, not to screw openly in parks or on a MARTA train.

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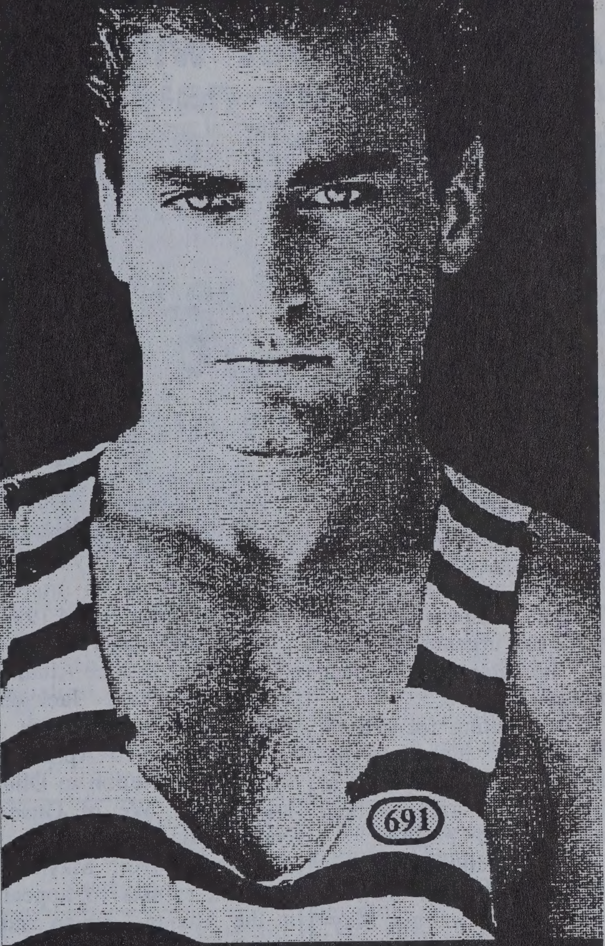

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Advisors meet with Mayor Jackson

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta - Mayor Maynard Jackson met with his three Senior Advisors to the Lesbian and Gay Community recently to discuss the progress being made in keeping Jackson's 1989 campaign promises.

The April 30 meeting between Senior Advisors Joan Garner, Jay Neely and Maury Weil and Mayor Jackson was one of the regular monthly sessions between the group.

"It went very well and was very positive," said Neely about the meeting. "Mayor Jackson now recognizes the urgency of some of the items we have brought forward."

The meeting focused on five areas including the mayor's non-participation in the 1991 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival.

Jackson confirmed that he would be out of town attending the Georgia Mayors' Conference and unable to march in the Pride Parade June 23. He stated he would send a senior staffer in his place.

According to the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Valarie Jackson, first lady of Atlanta, was suggested as a suitable substitute for the mayor. A representative from the mayor's staff was not invited. Because of time limitations and the fact that only a few non-lesbian and gay political speakers have been invited to participate, the mayor's staffer will not be able to speak during the rally following the Pride Parade.

Other topics discussed during the meeting between Mayor Jackson and his advisors were Chief of Police

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Queer Nation invites NYC Mayor to march in local Pride Parade

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta - The local chapter of Queer Nation has invited New York City Mayor David Dinkins to march with their group in the 1991 Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade, June 23, since Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson has declined to participate.

A letter dated April 29 from Queer Nation to Dinkins states "We of Queer Nation/Atlanta are appalled that our mayor, Maynard Jackson, refuses to appear in the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade.... We invite you to march with the Queer Nation/Atlanta contingent on that day."

Dinkins marched in the 1991 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade with an Irish lesbian and gay group because he felt they may have been denied permission to participate because of anti-lesbian and gay discrimination. The group was forced to march as part of a non-lesbian and gay organization.

"Since our mayor refuses to appear at our Parade, we've decided to invite the mayor of New York, who openly supports gay rights issues, unlike our own mayor," said Ted Gruman, member of Queer Nation.

On April 2, Mayor Jackson's office informed the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee that the mayor would be unable to attend the 1991 Pride Festival, the 20th anniversary of Pride activities in the city, due to a schedule conflict.

Mayor Jackson last appeared at Pride activities in 1989 when he was courting the lesbian and gay vote while running for office. In 1989 he marched in the Pride Parade and spoke at the rally following.

In 1990, after assuming office, Jackson had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend the Pride celebration.

Thompson loses case

Judge denies lesbian guardianship

by Scott R. Akin

Atlanta - After seven years of legal melee, Karen Thompson of St. Cloud, Minn., still can't take her paralyzed and brain-damaged partner Sharon Kowalski home to live.

Minnesota District Court Judge Robert Campbell denied Thompson's request for guardianship April 23. Instead, guardianship of the disabled Sharon was awarded to a "neutral" third party, long-time Kowalski family acquaintance Karen Tomberlin.

The order heralds a major setback in civil rights for gay men, lesbians and the physically impaired, according to activists from around the country.

The news of the guardianship came to Thompson in Atlanta while she attended the first National Lesbian Conference. The order is the latest disappointment in Thompson's fight with Sharon's parents for custody. The high school gym teacher was catastrophically injured in a collision with a drunken driver in 1983.

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Karen Thompson (center) at a recent press conference during the National Lesbian Conference.

As a result of the accident, Sharon, 34, suffers from extensive brain damage evidenced by memory loss, a lack of motor control and coordination. Communicating with limited gestures, brief phrases and a computer keyboard, Sharon is confined to a wheelchair and unable by herself to even dress, bathe or eat.

"To say I'm stunned and outraged is an understatement," Thompson said on April 27, taking time off from the conference to respond to the Minnesota court ruling.

"Sharon and I have been raped by the system..."

"For seven years Sharon and I have been raped by the system... I dared hope that this time we'd find some justice," said Thompson, who's 43 and a tenured professor at St. Cloud University.

Thompson said she plans to appeal the guardianship order. The judge ignored Minnesota law requiring guardianship based solely on the best interest of Sharon, she said. Those factors include the ability and willingness to provide Sharon with comprehensive emotional and medical care.

Campbell's order doesn't dispute Thompson's longstanding relationship and devotion to Sharon, but states Thompson isn't capable of providing the 24-hour daily attention Sharon needs in her home. Thompson built the house to be completely accessible for Sharon.

"The court ruled Sharon can't be cared for at home, despite 15 experts that said she should," Thompson said.

Campbell's order relies heavily on his contention that Thompson "outted" Sharon, disclosing Sharon's

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ACT-UP takes on stockholders meeting

by Jack Pelham

Richmond, Va. - Two members of ACT-UP/DC attended the annual Philip Morris shareholders' meeting April 25.

During the section of the hour-and-a-half meeting open for discussion, ACT-UP member Michael Petrelis made a brief speech outlining his group's opposition to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and call for a boycott of the Philip Morris' Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarette products. According to Petrelis, his speech was completed without incident.

"They promised that we would not be harassed and would be left alone," said Petrelis. "We were given the red carpet treatment.

"They listened attentively. There was no booing or hissing, which I expected."

ACT-UP's Petrelis and Margaret Cantrell were invited to attend the stockholders' meeting because they both own a minimal amount of stock in the company. An estimated 600 people attended the meeting.

> “We were diplomatic and by doing so, hope the discussions will bear fruit for the gay community.”

Following Petrelis' speech, Hamish Maxwell, Philip Morris CEO, made a brief statement in which he said that "negociations (with ACT-UP) are progressing."

According to Petrelis, ACT-UP and Philip Morris have had two recent meeting to discuss ways to end the boycott. When questioned about the content of those meetings, Petrelis said he was unable to comment.

When asked about the low-key approach, not characteristic of ACT-UP, used during the stockholders' meeting, Petrelis said, "We were diplomatic and by doing so, hope the discussions will bear fruit for the gay community."

On April 26, 1990 ACT-UP/DC launched the Marlboro Cigarette prong of the boycott, with the Miller Beer fork being added in June by ACT-UP/

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San Francisco due to the support shown by Philip Morris (the products' parent company) to Sen. Helms via a $9,000 contribution to his reelection campaign and a $200,000 donation to establish the Jesse Helms Museum.

Elsewhere, while the stockholders were meeting, 70 members of ACT-UP/San Francisco disrupted the opening of the Philip Morris sponsored tour of the Bill of Rights Pavillion.

Since the tour began Oct. 10, 1990 in Barre, Vt., the display, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights, has been the target of ACT-UP protests.

The $60 million tour, which is criss-crossing all 50 states, was disrupted during its January visit to Atlanta.

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An Artists' Market has been added to the 1991 Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival. "This offers a great chance for lesbian and gay artists from around the Southeast to exhibit and sell their crafts. And, it offers the artist a way to participate in Pride," said Tab Bryant, who is heading up the plans for the market. The Artists' Market will be located in Atlanta's Piedmont Park and will coincide with the two-day 1991 Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival, June 22 and 23. Artisans interested in exhibiting in the market should call **404-662-4533**.

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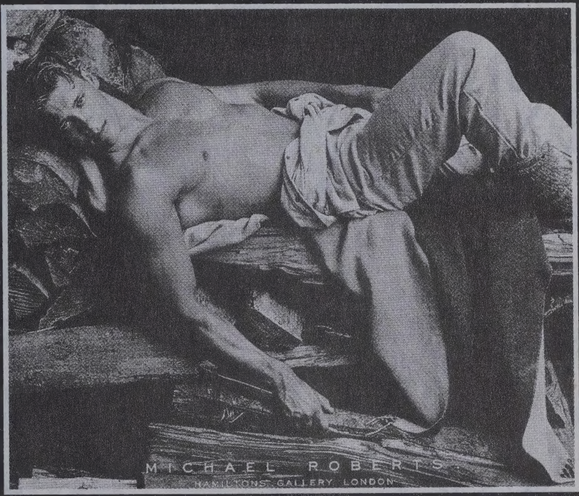

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GUARDIANSHIP

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sexual orientation without permission and in violation of Minnesota's state constitutional privacy rights.

That caused Sharon severe emotional trauma, Campbell stated. It also caused bitter fighting between Thompson and Sharon's parents over Sharon and her care. The Kowalskis denied any relationship between Sharon and Thompson.

Sharon has appeared at Thompson's request at numerous gay and lesbian public events and caused further damage, Campbell said. Before the accident, Sharon kept her sexual orientation secret.

"If I hadn't come out, Sharon would probably still be in that institution."

In fact, those appearances have made the couple a rallying point for gay and lesbian rights activists. However, Campbell said Thompson's behavior indicates she doesn't put Sharon's best interests above all.

Thompson said the "outting" of herself and Sharon occurred only as a last resort in 1984. It came in a dispute with the Kowalskis over Sharon's care at a facility that Thompson said did irreparable medical harm. Sharon was eventually moved to other care facilities and had to undergo some corrective surgery.

"If I hadn't come out, Sharon would probably still be in that institution," Thompson said.

That fight resulted in

Sharon's father being named sole guardian by court order in 1985. He cut Thompson off from seeing Sharon until another court order in 1989 permitted visitation. Sharon's father resigned as guardian last year because of his own frail health. Since then, Sharon has remained in a facility in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Another factor in denying Thompson guardianship, Campbell's order said, was the feud between Sharon's parents and Thompson. Thompson's guardianship would deprive Sharon of visits by her parents, since they would not visit their daughter at Thompson's home in St. Cloud. The only way to ensure visitation by each family, Campbell said, was to have a third party supervise Sharon's custody.

Campbell also said Thompson's attention to Sharon would be divided between Sharon and a new relationship Thompson has disclosed.

The appeal of Campbell's order, will be filed either in the Minnesota Court of Appeals or directly to the state's Supreme Court, said Paula Ettlebrick, legal director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Minnesota has the only state high court in the country with a majority of women.

"It's a very appealable case," Ettlebrick said, after characterizing it as "one of the most nightmarish cases" being litigated.

Thompson said she won't give up the fight to care for Sharon.

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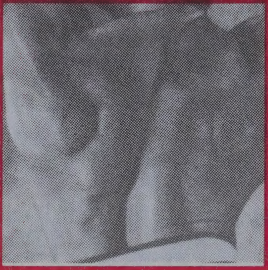

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A check for over $4,600 was turned over to Project Open Hand/Atlanta April 27 by the Morningside Chase Resident Council. The money was raised during the group's 1990 Hollywood Hots benefit and originally was slated for the Collins House. Funds were reallocated when Collins House did not open.

MAYOR JACKSON

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Eldrin Bell, hiring an openly lesbian or gay staffer, AIDS housing and domestic partnership.

According to Neely, Jackson stated that he has made it clear to Chief Bell that any abuse of members of the lesbian and gay community by the police department will not be tolerated and the hiring of openly lesbian or gay police officers should be pushed forward.

About the hiring of either an openly lesbian or gay member to his staff, Jackson said a significant announcement would be made within the month.

Concerning housing for people with AIDS (PWAs), Jackson is planning a meeting with various state, county and city agencies to address the ever growing problem.

The Senior Advisors have taken on the responsibility of formulating domestic partnership recommendations for the mayor. Jeffery Laymon was originally compiling a report on the issue, but his work schedule would not permit its completion.

NEWSGRAFS

ATLANTA

Two victims of a "gay-bashing" were fired when they were one hour late in opening the AT&T Phone Center Store at Lenox Square Mall, Sunday, April 21. The attack occurred at 1:30 a.m. while the pair and their friends were en route to a Midtown bar. After spending hours in a hospital emergency room with their friend who was cut during the attack, the two gay men were late to work. A union investigation has been launched into the possibility the firing was motivated by anti-gay bias which is prohibited by AT&T's affirmative action policy.

ATLANTA

A community meeting is being held Friday, May 17 at the Ponce Branch Library (980 Ponce de Leon Ave.) at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of a national march on Atlanta during the 1996 Summer Olympics.

"Traffic blockade" during protest over the filming of "Basic Instincts."

SAN FRANCISCO

Demonstrations continue despite a court order keeping protesters 100 feet from the filming of "Basic Instincts," starring Michael Douglas. The plot of the thriller revolves around a bisexual ice pick killer and a lesbian murderer who target men. Rawhide II, a local gay bar where filming is taking place, has been the site of protests. "Entitling it 'Basic Instinct' says that if you are a lesbian or a bisexual woman your basic instinct is to murder men," said lesbian writer Phyllis Burke.

DeAundra Peek (right) and friend singing "We Shall Overcome" during the recent Morrow Cracker Barrel protest.

ATLANTA

A special Mothers' Day, Sunday – May 12, sit-in action is planned for the Douglasville Cracker Barrel (I-20 West at exit #10) to protest the chain's anti-lesbian and gay employment policy. Sponsored by Queer Nation, the action is being billed as "BYOM," Bring Your Own Mom or mother substitute. TV celebrity DeAundra Peek and members of Eleganza will be in attendance. Activists will meet at the Lindbergh MARTA station at 10:30 a.m., cars will leave at 10:45 a.m. for a 11:30 a.m. protest. For more information call "the queerline" at 404-286-2355.

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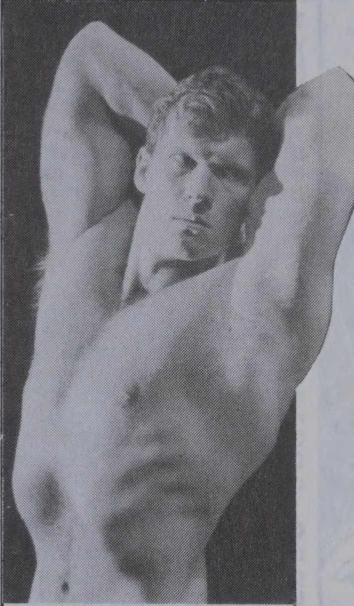

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TAURUS *(Apr. 20 – May 20)* Promoting yourself should be easy. Personality sparkles. Power plays on career ground should be avoided on both the 10th and 16th, however on the 11th and 12th make a big splash with those that matter. Being in the right place at the right time earns extra dollars on the 13th. On the 14th romantic web looks complicated again. Better luck on the 15th, but perhaps someone new would provide more satisfaction.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Secrets are exciting now. Usually eager to talk, this week you surprise us all. On the 10th, 11th and 16th romance is somewhat undercover. Work place may provide excellent back drops for mystery. On the 12th and 13th homefront needs work. Partners needs some answers. Good timing on the 14th means great profit. On the 14th friends honor you by being honored.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* You look good this week and everyone tells you so. Social gatherings blend well with business ambitions. Get ahead on the 10th, 15th and 16th. On the 11th family ties reach "strangling proportions." Breathe easier on the 12th when thoughtful partners and friends help you to see things much more clearly. Domestic profit on the 13th arrives at last. On the 14th show someone you care. They need your special gift... understanding.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Getting ahead can be easier this week. Keeping a high profile now is the name of the game. Being seen produces great opportunities on the 10th, 15th and 16th. Avoid clashes over domestic issues on the 11th. You'll never win this one. Romance improves after the 12th. On the 13th bad luck for someone else means good luck for you. Intuition spells profit on the 14th.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* Open your eyes. Someone is after you. Those who want to be married or attached can be if they look around them now.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Financial matters improve this week. Tedious business facts may be cumbersome on both the 10th and 16th but profitable. On the 11th and 12th homefront becomes a very dramatic love stage. Decisions about love need to be made. Throw out what you don't need on the 13th and don't take it back. On the 14th investment sense gets help from "angels." Sixth sense is overpowering. Expect to win.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Career success is likely. Behind the scenes activity is in your favor. Getting opportunities lined up is a must on the 10th, 15th and 16th. Support from friends is invaluable on the 11th. Domestic arena looks dubious on the 12th. "Open enemies" come back to haunt you on the 13th. Getting even may not have been such a great idea. Go forward with romantic plans on the 14th. Receptive parties surprise you.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* Workplace may be chaotic. Experience "temporary burnout." Look for support from loved ones.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Partnership problems still seem apparent. Compromises are easy on the 10th and 11th but impossible on the 12th and 16th however. Enjoy success career wise on the 13th. Social gatherings spell profit on the 14th. On the 15th make a feeble stab at love. Therapy might help.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* Domestic scenery may change. On the 10th, 11th and 16th improvement all stems from partner and home. Work done on creative pursuits may be honored on the 12th. On the 13th money crisis disappears. Thank God. News about family failings does not surprise you on the 14th. On the 15th love interest gets interested elsewhere. Boo. Good week huh???

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* Great aspects occur on the career front. Promotions are probable. Ask for what you want on the 10th, 14th and 15th. On the 11th partners can be a bummer however. Negative attitude stems from unfair division of time. Do something special for that special one. They need it. On the 12th and 13th cash flow improves. Shuffling routine is almost over.

ARIES *(Mar. 21 – Apr. 19)* Excellent romantic experiences sneak up on you. Career efforts can make you blind. Pay attention to the advances of another on the 10th, 11th and 16th. New directions are enhanced by educational pursuits on both the 12th and 15th. On the 13th challenges are presented on the home front. Promises need to be kept on the 14th. Kiss and tell episode can spell disaster.

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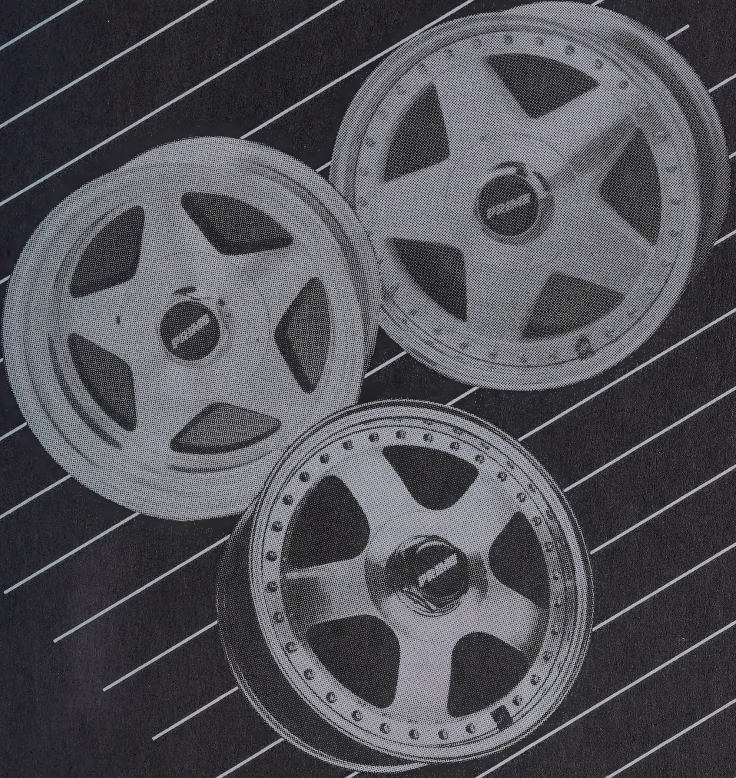

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Something About Kids

I don't know very much about children, except that maybe I was one once. Very few people that are my close friends have any, so my exposure to children, then, is very limited. Limited to those times, you know, like when I'm at some restaurant and a kid at the next booth is doing something comical with his or her food. Moments that, for the most part, have never been to long to let me think that the child was ever anything other than just cute.

It's never been a conscious choice to stay away from children; I just don't know any. Taking all of that into consideration, you can understand why Monday of this past week was an unusual experience for me when I was asked to spend some time with a few (children, that is).

It wasn't a whole lot of time, just a couple of hours, actually. But, it was enough time to step inside their lives for just a little while, and to see more than just that cute side. It allowed me to see the successes and the problems that go on in the lives of these very special children that are HIV positive.

There are seven children housed in a rather large split-level home that I am told was once a crack house. Rather ironic that it would become something so far removed from what it was. The organization is called ChildKind and was started by Barbara Chamness, the first foster parent of an HIV positive child in Atlanta. Realizing the needs and difficulties surrounding the placement of these children, she sought to find a haven for them to live in positive and pleasant surroundings with appropriate care, and thus ChildKind was born.

Since its inception two years ago, ChildKind has been a residence to eight different children. "They can stay here up to age two before going to a foster home," Hubert Alexander explained. "Unless they do stay positive, then they can stay in our place up to age six."

I asked him to explain that statement in a little more detail. "Well, real often children will convert from positive to negative. When they're born with their mother's immune system, naturally they would test positive. But sometimes, within 18 to 24 months of birth, their own immune system will kick in and flush out the mother's antibodies."

It struck me as unusual that a gay male would be volunteering so readily to

ChildKind volunteers recently took the kids to the Atlanta Zoo. photo David Nash

KIND

by David A. Moore

work in a part of the AIDS epidemic that was not specifically gay related. "In the past I had been a volunteer at AID Atlanta. I was a buddy. After a time I reached burnout with that so I had to get out for a while," Hubert continued. "Then, I heard about these children at Grady Hospital and ChildKind, and a friend of mine suggested that I call.

"It's really different, fantastic, and helpful in a lot of ways. There's a lot of happiness that comes along with it."

Hubert Alexander is just one of the volunteers that works with ChildKind. I asked him if he had run into any difficulties being a gay volunteer in an organization that did not work directly with the gay community. "It is true that the people that we're working with are not so much in tune with the gay populace, but I haven't experienced any negative reaction from anyone. I mean, I don't know who we would get it from. I've gotten some very strong impressions from all my experiences with this, though," Hubert paused. "My gay friends really like the experiences they've had with these children. I've had several of them out here, because it does allow them to see a different face of this epidemic. I've had friends who are PWAs and HIV positive that I've taken with me and it's done wonders for them. This is not an unhappy experience at all."

Another volunteer, Mark Owens, also a gay male, expressed similar feelings. "We're the only volunteers that are allowed to take the children out, Hubert and I.

"My experiences with children sounds a lot like yours. When I first came here and I was faced with changing a diaper on a baby, I didn't know what to do," he laughed. "The housemother, Vanessa, just told me, 'Do it. They're not going to break.'

"A couple of weeks ago David Nash (ETC photographer), Hubert and I took the kids to the zoo. It was so much fun just to watch the kids, and the people around reacting to them. There's something about kids, I don't know, they're so full of life."

> *"You are so beautiful, to me."*

It was Mark that suggested I come to ChildKind House and meet the children and houseparents. "I don't see how you could possibly write the story without meeting the children." The next morning I was to realize how right he was when I decided to trash everything I had already written because of what I had learned as a result of meeting three girls and four boys that, quite honestly, had me charmed within 30 minutes of passing through the doorway.

The first sight that greeted me as we walked into the room was a little boy jumping up and down ecstatically as Mark entered. "How often do you see the children?" I asked. He picked up the little boy and bounced him up in the air as the little boy squealed. "Not as often as I would like, of course. About once a week right now."

As he proceeded to change the diapers on one of the little boys, Vanessa walked in. "There's a whole bunch of little boys in here who need to take a bath!" She picked up the little boy that Mark had just changed. "Get the next one ready, Mark."

I gazed in at a crib that held two boys, who looked a great deal alike and realized they must have been the twins that Mark and Hubert spoke of earlier. Vanessa told their story later while feeding the children breakfast. "When they first came here they couldn't eat very much and all they could do was lay there. Did you notice the back of their heads? All the hair is gone from them laying on their backs so long."

It was difficult for me to think of the two happy little boys gurgling applesauce as anything other than what they were at the moment. "I know that these children come from all sorts of situations," Hubert had told me earlier. "Some come from drug addicted parents, or they may be abandoned by their parents."

Hubert and Mark echoed the same sentiment about their feelings for the children and Mark explained it well, "Their background is not something I'm particularly concerned about. I'm just happy to be with them and to help them as much as I can."

After their morning meal, I helped Mark with the little girls as they put on their shoes and brushed their hair. One of the older girls, who had been particularly quiet during my presence, quickly came to life as she saw her favorite pair of red tennis shoes. After I helped her into them, she bounded out of the room chasing one of her laughing playmates.

Mark looked at me. "They really are cute, aren't they? I was watching you, David. I know that you're getting into this." I laughed and realized that I had been caught. "Of course it's been fun. But don't tell anybody. I've got a distinct reputation for being very single and non-child. Don't blow my cover," I said.

Just before I left, I sat in the kitchen with one of the houseparents as she combed out the littlest girl's hair. She was squirming a bit as the woman undid her braids. "Now you stop that. I know it doesn't hurt all that much." She started to sing to her as she brushed through her hair, and all the children playing around her feet suddenly fell silent. "You're everything I hope for. You're everything I need. You are so beautiful, to me." ▼

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TEN YEARS OF HOTLANTA SOFTBALL

For ten years the Hotlanta Softball League, one of Atlanta's most prominent gay athletic organizations, has been an annual rite of Spring for Atlanta's gay and lesbian community. Few sports organizations in Atlanta have been as popular or widely followed as Hotlanta softball which has been a weekly Sunday institution in midtown's Piedmont Park.

Hotlanta Softball traces its beginnings to the old Sweet Gum Head where entertainers Dina Jacobs and Rachel Wells started Atlanta's first gay softball team. The Sweet Gum Head team played in the Atlanta City League from 1977 to 1979.

Atlanta Venture Sports picked up the Sweet Gum Head players in 1980, and David Francis put together the first official league in 1981 with six teams. The Hotlanta Softball League joined the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance that same year to become the first openly gay softball league in the southeast.

HSL has enjoyed an active ten years. The Birmingham Cruisers joined the league in 1982 and the south's second gay softball league was subsequently started as Alabama's New South league a year later. New South later gave birth to Nashville's Music City League in 1989.

Greg Troia of the Armory gave Atlanta its first major national gay tournament in 1984 and the Armory Classic has become one the the nation's most popular gay and lesbian softball competitions. A Women's Division was added to HSL in 1988 and a Recreational Division was added in 1989.

(top) **With teams in all 3 divisions, the Armory is HSL's biggest sponsor in '91.** (bottom) **New faces: HSL's most co-ed team, Gallus L&G Express, is composed almost entirely of new league members.**

Atlanta won the bid to host NAGAAA's 1989 Gay World Series, the world's largest annual gay and lesbian softball competition. Under the direction of HSL Commissioner Gregg Ray, Atlanta successfully hosted Series 13, its first international gay championship tournament.

Hotlanta teams have developed a national reputation as a source of powerful softball competition. HSL teams have consistently placed in the top finishers at the annual Gay World Series and two Atlanta teams have finished the championships in second place.

The Pharr Library team finished second to Chicago in 1983, and last year the Atlanta Aces of the Women's Division placed second at the 1990 series.

Hotlanta Softball celebrated its 10th anniversary with another record year. With 270 members and 18 teams in three divisions, '91 is the largest season in the league's decade of competition.

Commissioner Jim Marks attributes the league's growth to several factors. "Splitting up the old Pharr Library team brought back some people who didn't like having a single dominant team," he said.

Women's commissioner Robin Grindle echoed his comments. "The Aces are the only team returning with most of their original players," she said. "All the teams have split up and the competition is very close. No one's going to run away with it this year."

An aggressive search for new sponsors also proved to be a successful move for the '91 HSL Executive Board. Half of the league's team sponsors are fielding teams for the first time this year.

Hotlanta Softball plays every Sunday at Piedmont Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Members of the community are encour- what has made HSL a consistently popular activity for 10 great years. ▼

HSL Women's Commissioner Robin Grindle (in hat) plays for Backstreet who has sponsored HSL teams since 1981.

HSL Current Standings
(April 28, 1991)

Open & Rec Divisions:	
Burkhart's	3 and 0
Armory Falcons	3 and 1
Armory Angels	3 and 1
Silver Grill	2 and 1
Backstreet	2 and 1
L & G Express	2 and 1
Bulldogs	2 and 2
Otherside	1 and 1
Buddies	0 and 4
Bootcamp	0 and 6

Women's Divsion:	
Atlanta Aces	4 and 0
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YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T see these headlines in the Journal/Constitution or the New York Times: "Dykes Take Over Atlanta," "Thousands Converge and Earth Shifts on Her Axis," "Little (Dyke) Five Points, Known Center of the Universe, Inundated with Sapphists Just Like the Old Days" and "Buildings Levitate, Minds Implode, Legs Snap Open as Womyn Discuss, Contend, Attend, Dance, Skewer, and Heal Each Other."

Well, you should've seen such headlines, and more. In this limited space, allow me to convey some abbreviated impressions of a truly epochal event. If I sound a bit incoherent, bear with me. Central nervous system repair is still ongoing after five days of minimal sleep, inadequate meals, heavy doses of Dyke pheromenes as well as wilding energy.

Phew! We certainly were represented in all our diverse, atavistic splendor. Thousands of Womyn cam from all over including London, Zurich, Germany, Australia, Canada, Mexico, all 50 states and most territorial possessions.

And how did we do each other? Other participants I've conferred with share remarkably certain similar overall assessments. 1) The event was surprisingly sanguinary; why were Womyn loving Womyn at times so hateful to each other? 2) Where was a functional, accountable leadership who could deal with issues effectively as they emerged? 3) The wealth of workshops were very valuable. (Would've attended more/different ones if the schedules had been available in a timely fashion. 4) The dance and the concert were fun (although the concert had its own problems).

MANY WERE LEFT wondering how the process transmogrified from conscious and vigorous inclusionary efforts to one where people interrupted each other, shouted each other down, delivered vicious ultimatums, etc.

Truly, we will be unravelling that knot for quite some time to come. For example, I attended the Womyn of Color caucus on Wednesday afternoon and was absolutely knocked out by the dignity, excitement, and splendor therein.

Over 50 Womyn from everywhere talked about what a smiling, grinning rush it was to be amongst so many of **us**. African, Asian, Native, Latina, Palestinian, Armenian, etc. Warm and affirming and careful, we pieced together an agenda of concerns for the conference. I left the room buoyant.

Two days later, I heard that the Womyn of Color were holding emergency meetings, threatening to secede from the conference, thereby exposing its oppressive nature. Of course this resonated for me, since many moons ago I led the "Third World" walk-out of local Gay Pride organizing, due to the cultural insensitivity and racism therein.

BUT THIS SEEMED different. How can we effectively struggle with people we will never see again, who are not part of an ongoing, accountable process? Now can we settle 500 years of genocide in four days?

But most of all, how can Womyn show such vituperative anger, hatred, fear, and tears toward each other, for such meager pay-offs?

I volitionally stayed away from the plenaries, where the bloodletting largely transpired. I simply no longer believe that abrasive confrontation is the **only** way that lesbians can "process" difference. One friend who did attend most plenaries summed it up thusly: "The NLC was so chaotic, it could've been planned by the FBI (to sabotage the community)," Perhaps an agent suggested this particular weekend, what with Mercury retrograde and a Full Moon in Scorpio.

This is not to diminish the gravity of the issues: racism, classism, et al. We are withering under the collective mortmain of these things as people. But I must note that directly and personally attacking other Womyn for their privilege, ignorance, and lip servicing is probably not the most effective way of cultivating real change.

THANK GODDESS IT wasn't all like that. The plenary with Urvashi Vaid was, according to many, very exciting – and they asked why wasn't someone like her taking the leadership during this insanity?

Too, folks were struck by Margerie Hill spelling it out at the Hospitality luncheon: "We are Gay and Lesbian communities, not a (monolithic) community."

Additionally, it should be noted that Joan Garner, mayoral liaison to the Les/Gay community, conveyed Maynard Jackson's greetings and approval to the Conference at the opening night plenary. So the mayor thought it was great that we were in town.

Yet Maynard might've been surprised at the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity displayed in **The Marketplace**, the "most organized" area of the

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The National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta April 24-28 brought together Womyn of many different backgrounds and interests. (Clockwise from top:) Asian-American Womyn at the NLC.Author Barbara Macdonald speaks. Del Martin (left) and Phyllis Lyon, founders of "The Ladder." ACT-UP and Queer Nation sponsored actions at the Centers for Disease Control.

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conference according to many. Over 100 different vendors purveyed wares here. My group, the Georgia Lesbian EcoFeminists, had a booth displaying our T-shirts, buttons, and books. Next door was Queer Nation.

We happily bought dozens of their day-glo, in-your-face stickers: "Eat Pussy, Not Cows" and "Vegetarians Taste Better." So even though we might be old enough to be their mothers, we definitely agreed on some fundamental things.

I was reminded of an exotic bazaar (the Bizarre Bazaar, Elly said), with all womanner of crafts. Items of exquisite artistic beauty nestled next to painful political pamphlets which laid beside the dildoes of Eve's Garden... a true Dyke Shopping Mall. Progressively enough, boothers paid what they thought they could on a sliding fee scale, and virtually no theft or unpleasantness was reported (even though booths were unattended for long periods of time).

Now, not everyone approved of this commercial Lesbian outpouring, naturally. But I was glad to see such an explosion of Dyke creativity and energy, there and at the juried art show. And, a lot of this was embodied in the workshops, too.

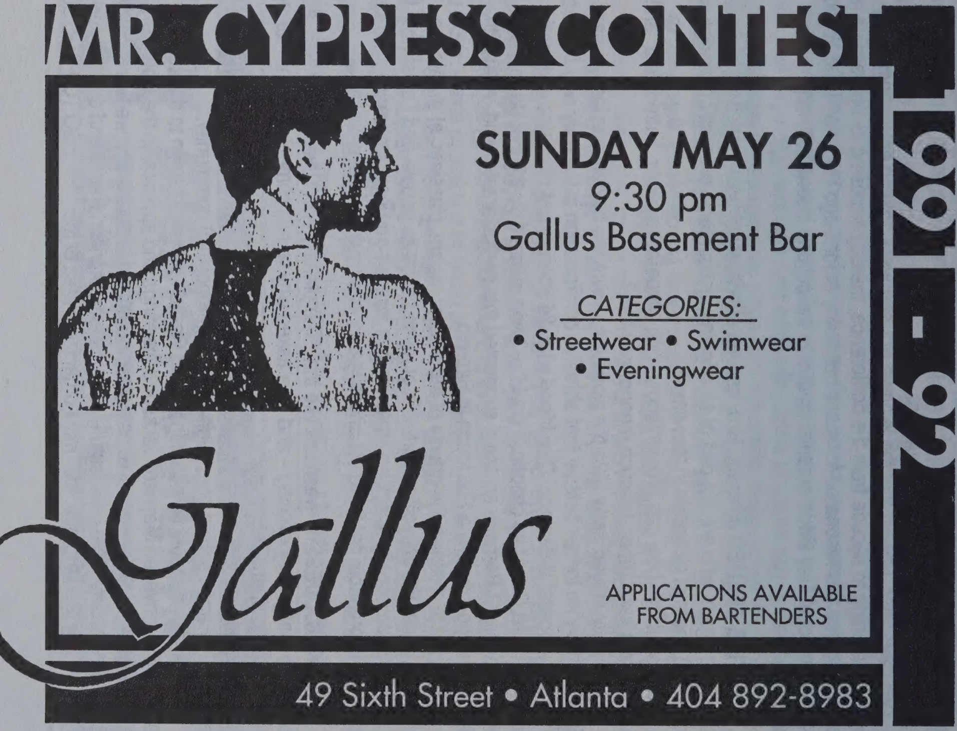
There were seemingly hundreds, and unhappily only very limited, overlapping time slots. I wished that attendance were mandatory at two of the ones I participated in: "The Iroquois Indian Matriarchy, and Its Gifts to All Womyn" and "Amazon Cellular Memory: Rediscover and Reconnect with Your Amazon Past through Ritual, Meditation, and Recall."

While I would've liked to attend "Black Lesbian Perspective of 20 Years of Women's Movement in the U.S." and "Strategic Street Fighting" amongst others, the preceding two made me recall why I'm a Dyke: because Womyn are so beautiful, powerful and primal.

I wish all the folks stuck in left-brain shrieking could've heard the messages, and refused to allow the external baggage to so obscure or even kill the special gifts within.

Would I do it again? Attend another National? Hmm. Like so many, Sunday found me dazed, confused, emotionally and physically exhausted – and with killer cramps to boot.

I think we need to do statewide and regional organizing first. We need to network with ourselves at the grassroots level in some real sorts of ways, before we launch another Lesbian armada... otherwise, "how else will the Ship of Sisterhood Stay Afloat?" ▼



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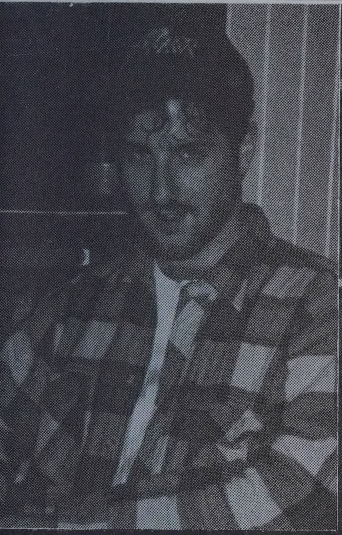

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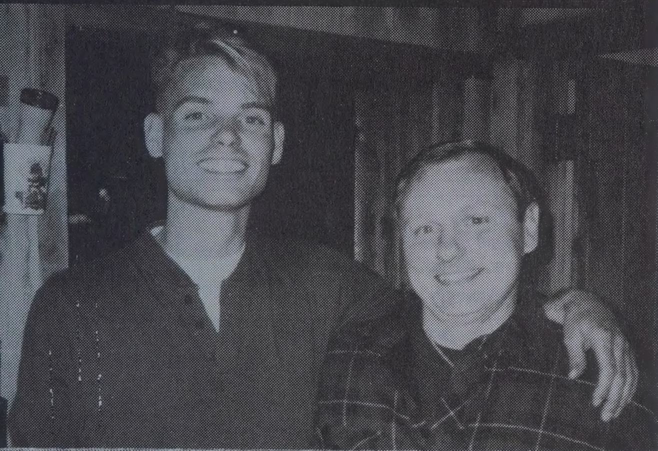

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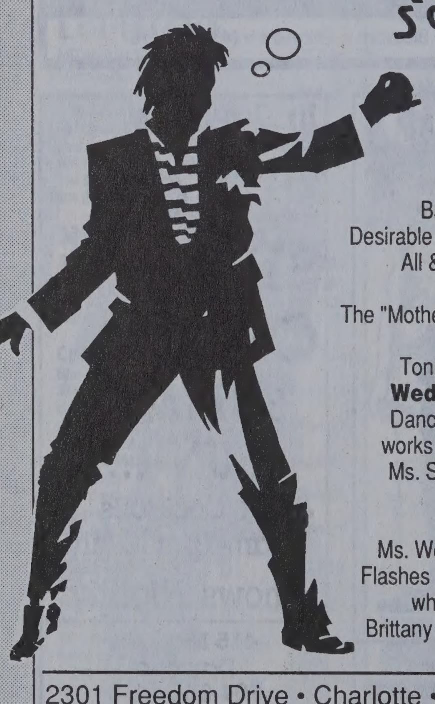

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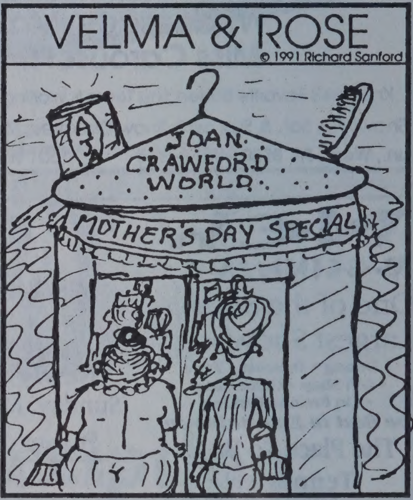
but that's not the subject of **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**, August Wilson's drama now playing the Alliance Theatre through June 1. The subject is racism as shown in the early recording industry where white executives used black artists to make big bucks. The play is set in a 1927 Chicago recording studio and a session with "Madame" Rainey and her four-man band. Most dialogue takes place between these men, telling their histories through often painful monologues.

Alliance artistic director Kenny Leon plays Levee, a young "upstart" musician whose energy is apparent, reflected in his desire to introduce a new and exciting sound to the "jug band" genre then the norm for blues recording. His drive, compounded by a cocky attitude, leads him to a chilling condemnation of the "white man's God." His quick temper and frustration also lead to tragedy.

Philosophical Toledo (Thomas Bird III) is the voice of reason here, possessed of professorial nature, he raise interesting points about being black and living in a white dominated society. But even he cannot stop the sudden charge of violence that ends the play.

Saundra McClain is a wonderful, bumptious Ma, dominating the stage, strutting, pointing, giving orders and guzzling that good 'ol original recipe Coca-Cola. She is a believable Mother of the Blues. Ma's lesbian orientation is treated subtly, but clearly – her "gal" Dussie Mae (Crystal Fox) appears whenever Ma does, although there is no real displays of affection shown.



Frederick Canada, John Lawhorn and Saundra McClain.

While the setting is a recording session, there is precious little live music. McClain does belt out the title song, but as a dyed-in-the-wool blues lover, I wished for more. And, as a life-long gay man, I wished for more dramatization of Ma and Dussie Mae and their same-sex relationship. But that is not the subject.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (the name of one of the songs recorded at this session) is a tough, troubling, in-your-face show, forcing self examination and perhaps some understanding. The excellent cast also includes Tom Key, John Lawhorn, Frederick Charles Canada and Michael Eaddy. For tickets call 404-892-2414.

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• Toss out those cosmetic jams and jellies! Join the **Angry Housewives**, Horizon Theatre's production of A.M. Collins' comedy about four housewives who form a punk rock band to the horror of their husbands. Thru May 25, Euclid at Austin, 584-7450.

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• HURRY! Seven Stages' excellent productions of two plays by Jim Grimsley, **Mr. Universe** and **Belle Ives** closes May 12. Call theatre, 1105 Euclid, for dates and times: 523-7647.

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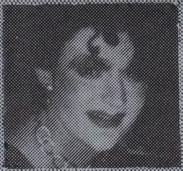

"Pardon me, Blanche, but What's Your Problem?"

Advice & Information by Tutti

Dear Tutti,

I am a GWM, 26 years old, but look like I'm 17 or 18. I'm new to the bar scene and I just don't fit in. I can't dance and I'm on the shy side. Most of the talk at the bar goes over my head. What can I do to fit in more? There is just one bar in town and no organizations that I know of. I don't want to just jump in with both feet, just kind of slide in.

– LOST AT THE BAR (Somewhere in Tennessee)

Dear Lost Reader,

Find yourself. Don't make a pilgrimage to try and "fit in more." You are younger that you look and a wallflower, to boot. I could advise you to take dance lessons, but that is not the answer. What I do suggest is that your either "slide in" to a larger city or talk to the bartenders at that "one bar" to inquire about local organizations or alternatives to the "bar scene." Also, don't worry about the bar talk going over your head. With the many bar stools I've worn out, in my many given hours, some of the talk still flies over my well sculptured wig. But, I do love to listen!

Dear Tutti,

My lover and I have decided to get a pet. One of us wants a dog and the other a cat. I will admit that I am a cat person, but I could accept a dog. What I need is your impartial advice and insight.

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Dear Tutti,

Is the picture that appears in your column really you or what? – JUST WONDERING

Dear Wondering Reader,

Yes, that is indeed moi! So, wonder no more.

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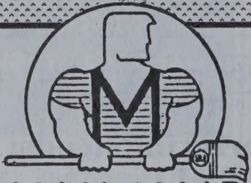

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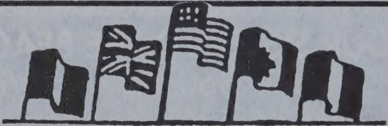

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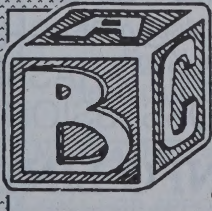

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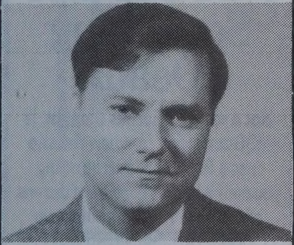

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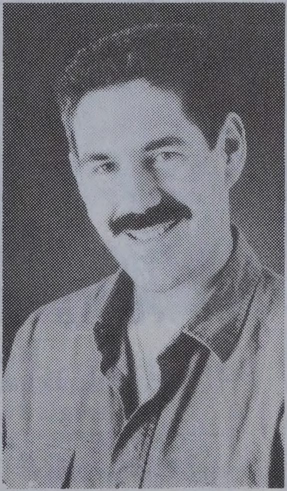

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Survivors include longtime companion Mr. Marc Quinzi of Atlanta, Mr. David Hamilton of Decatur, and Mr. Steven F. Riley of Atlanta, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Aquilino was employed by Georgia-Pacific Corp., and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atlanta. He held various offices with LAMBDA, A.V.S., and the Atlas League, and was an avid supporter of the performing arts. Contributions in loving memory may be made to Charlie Brown's Signature of Love Fund.

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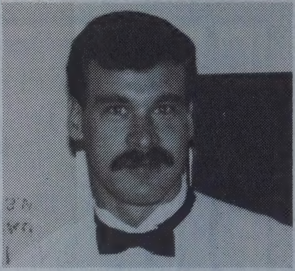

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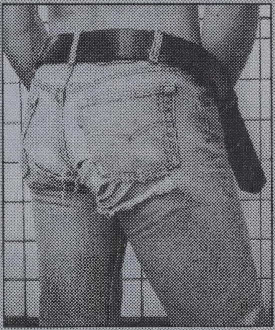

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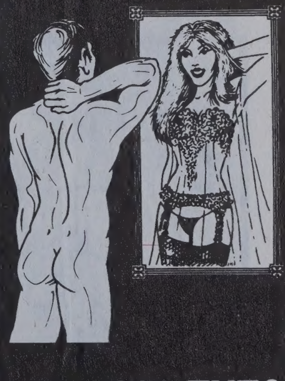

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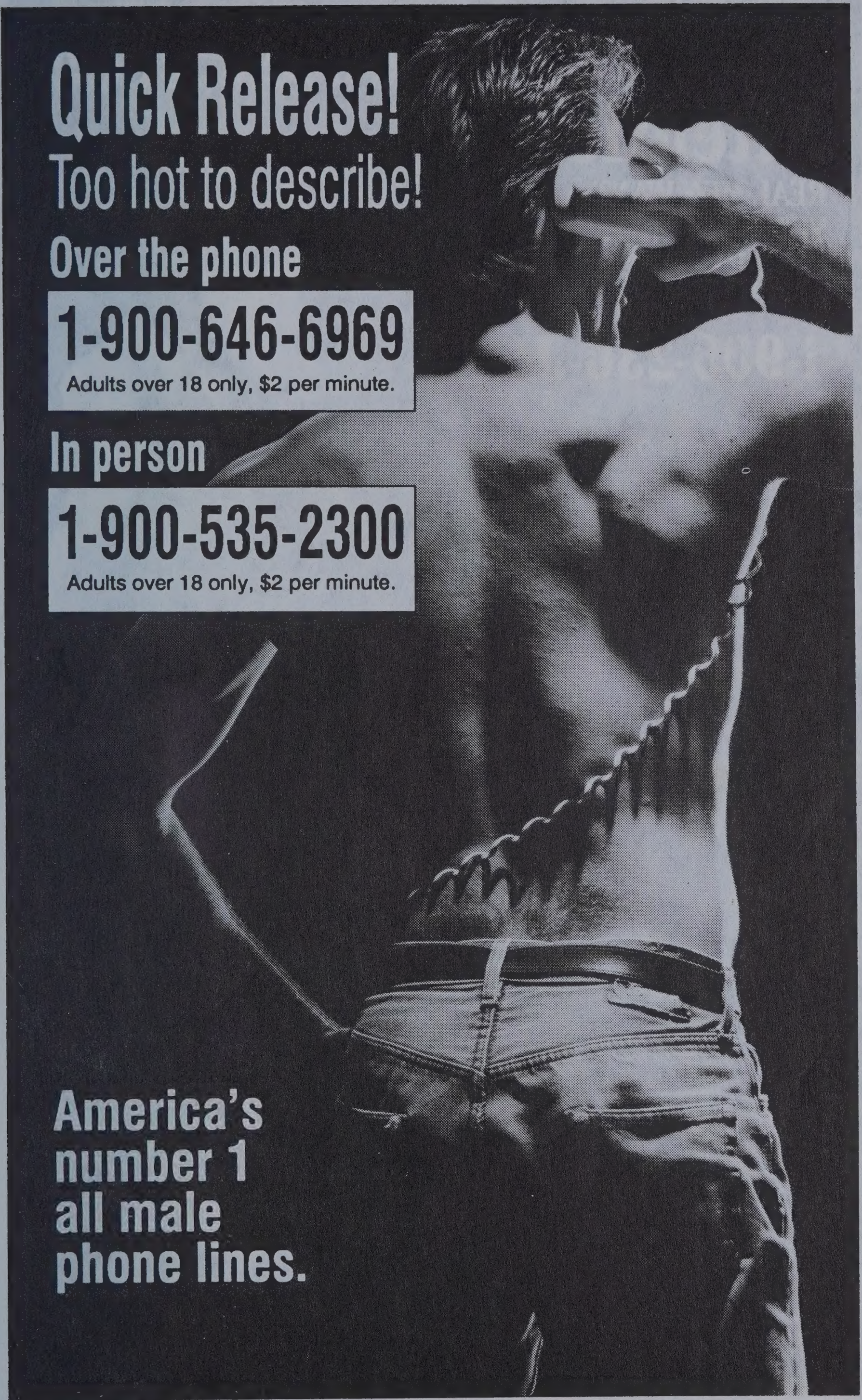

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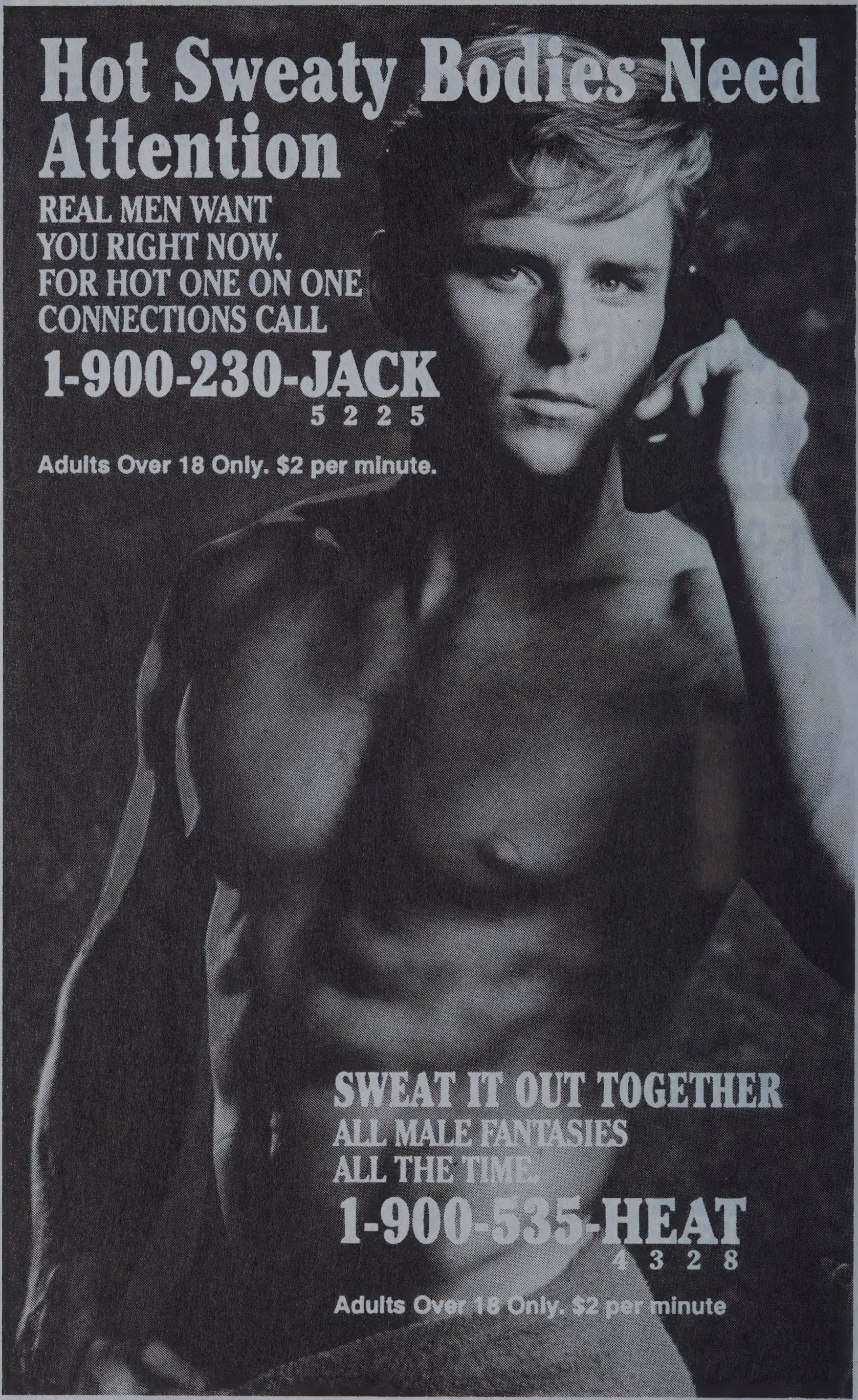

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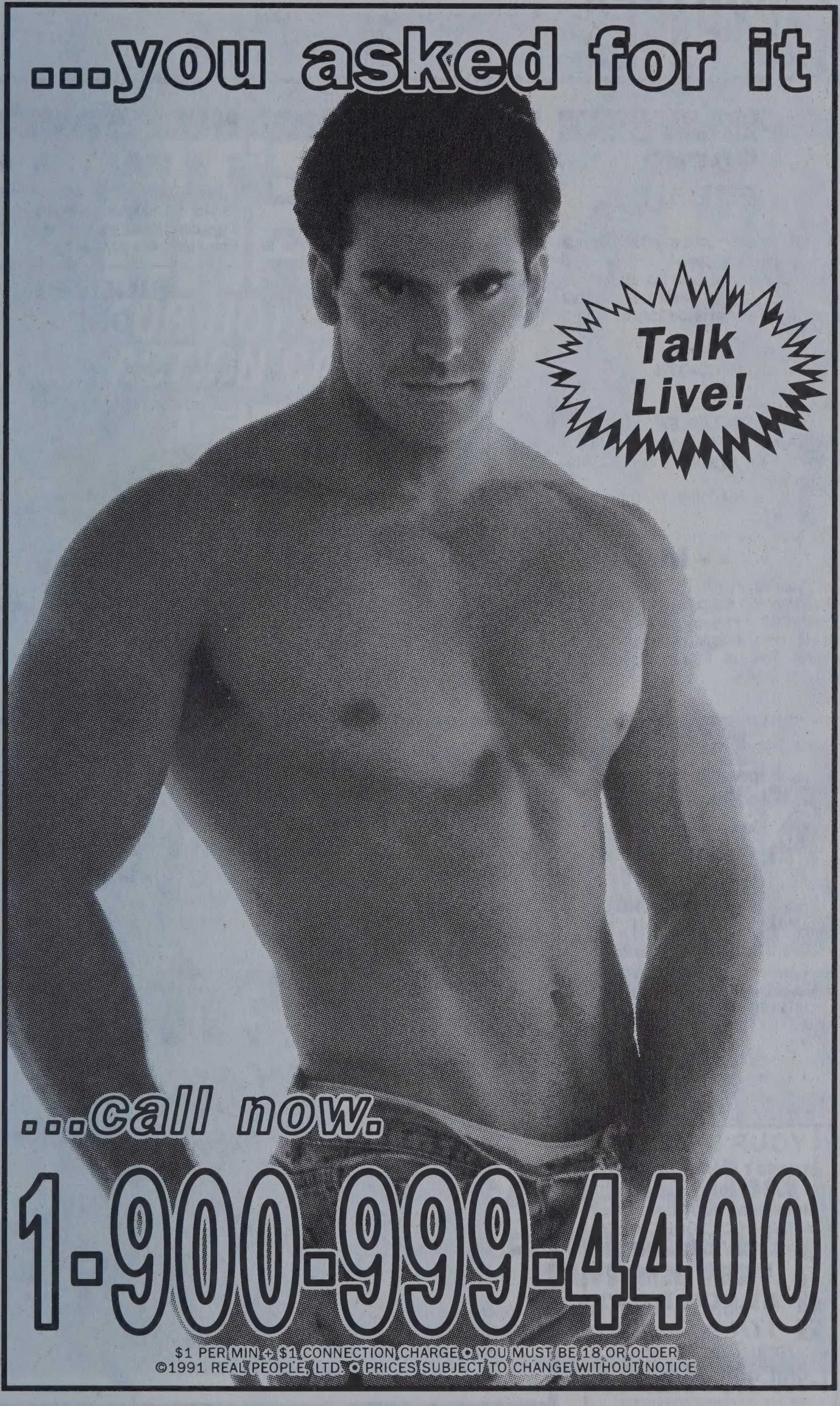
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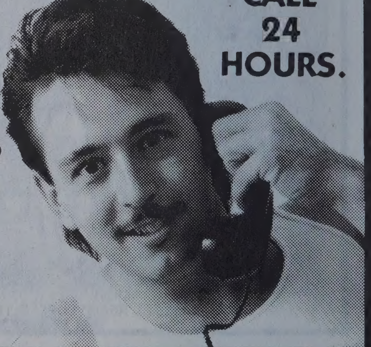

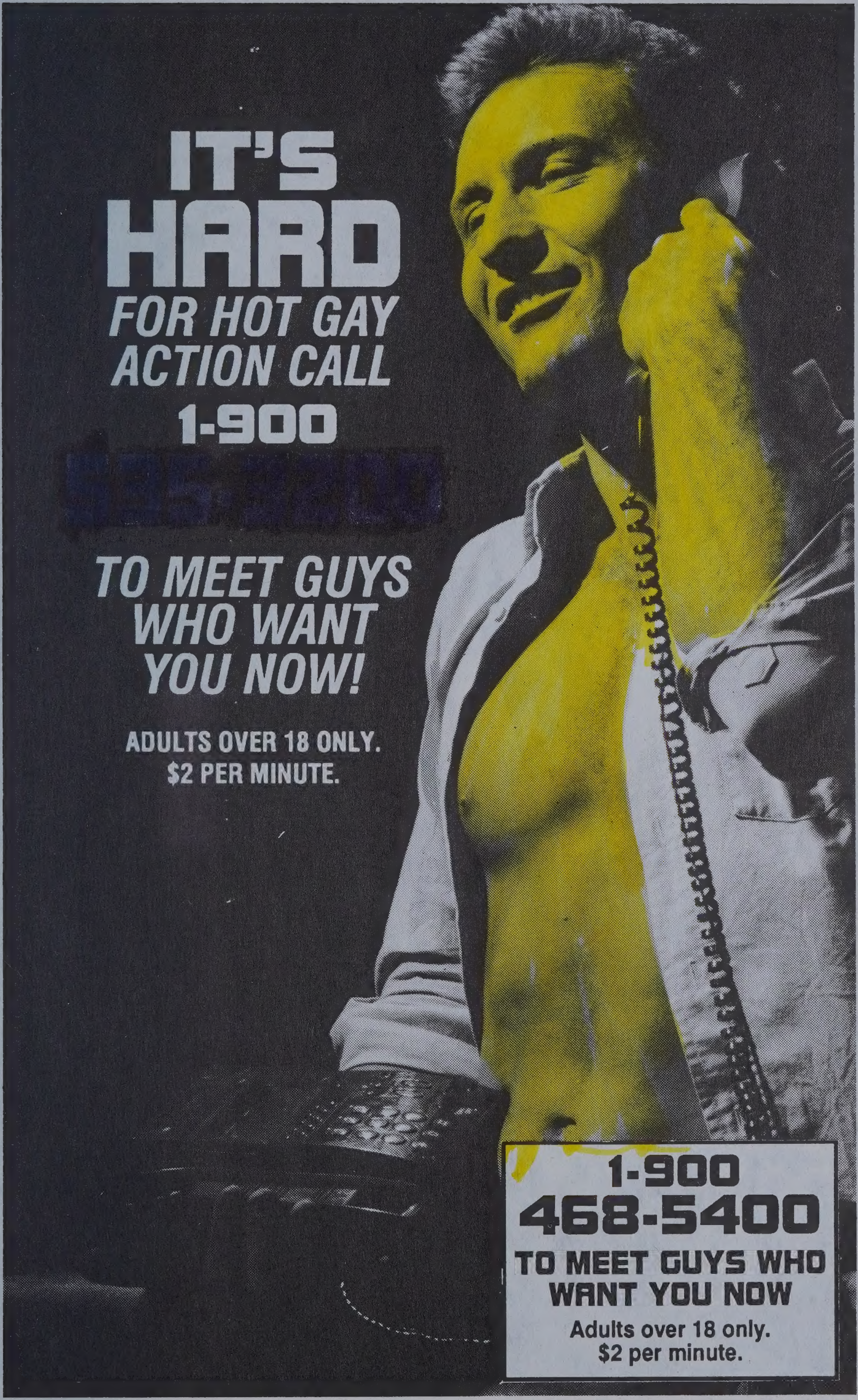

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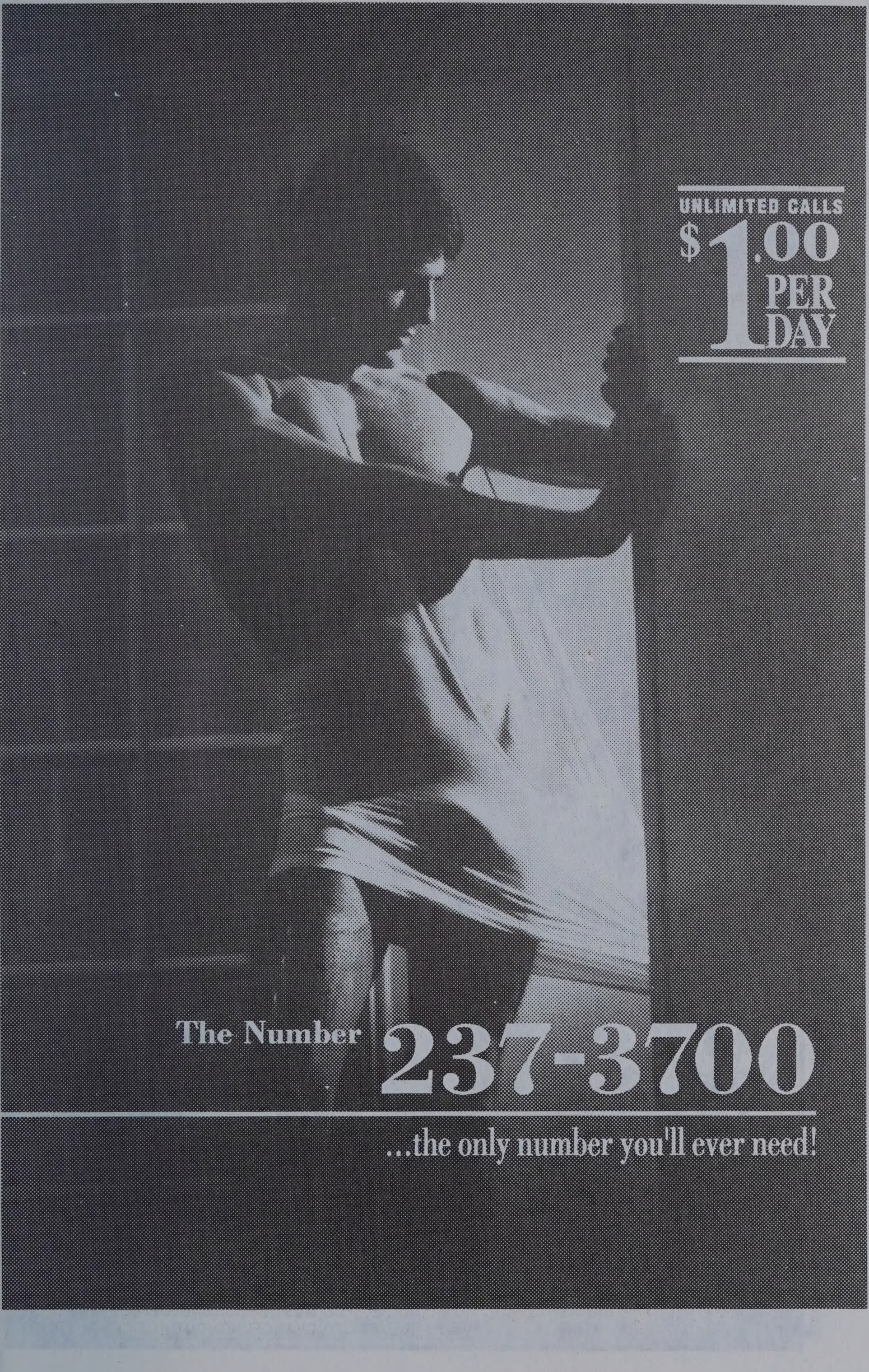
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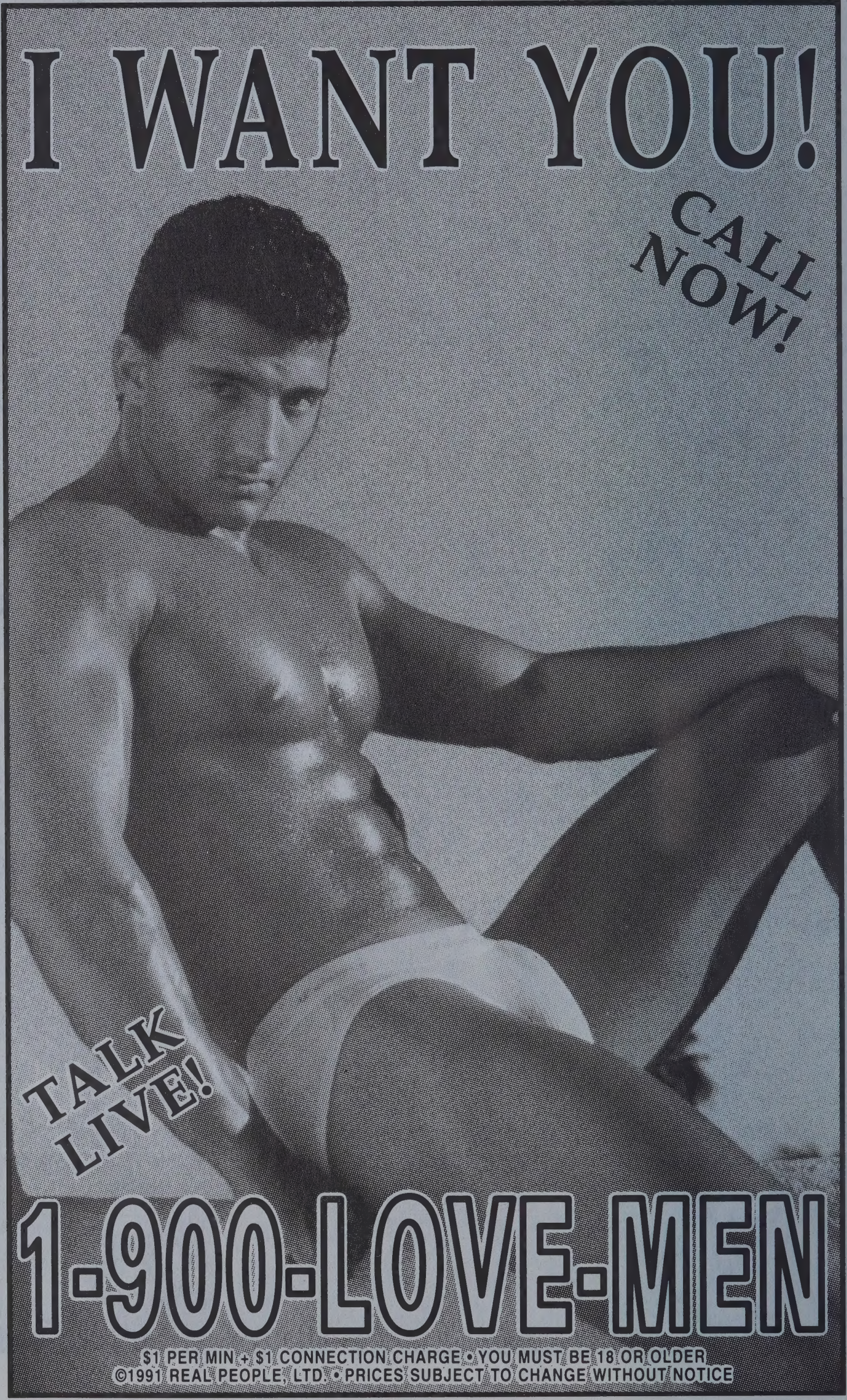

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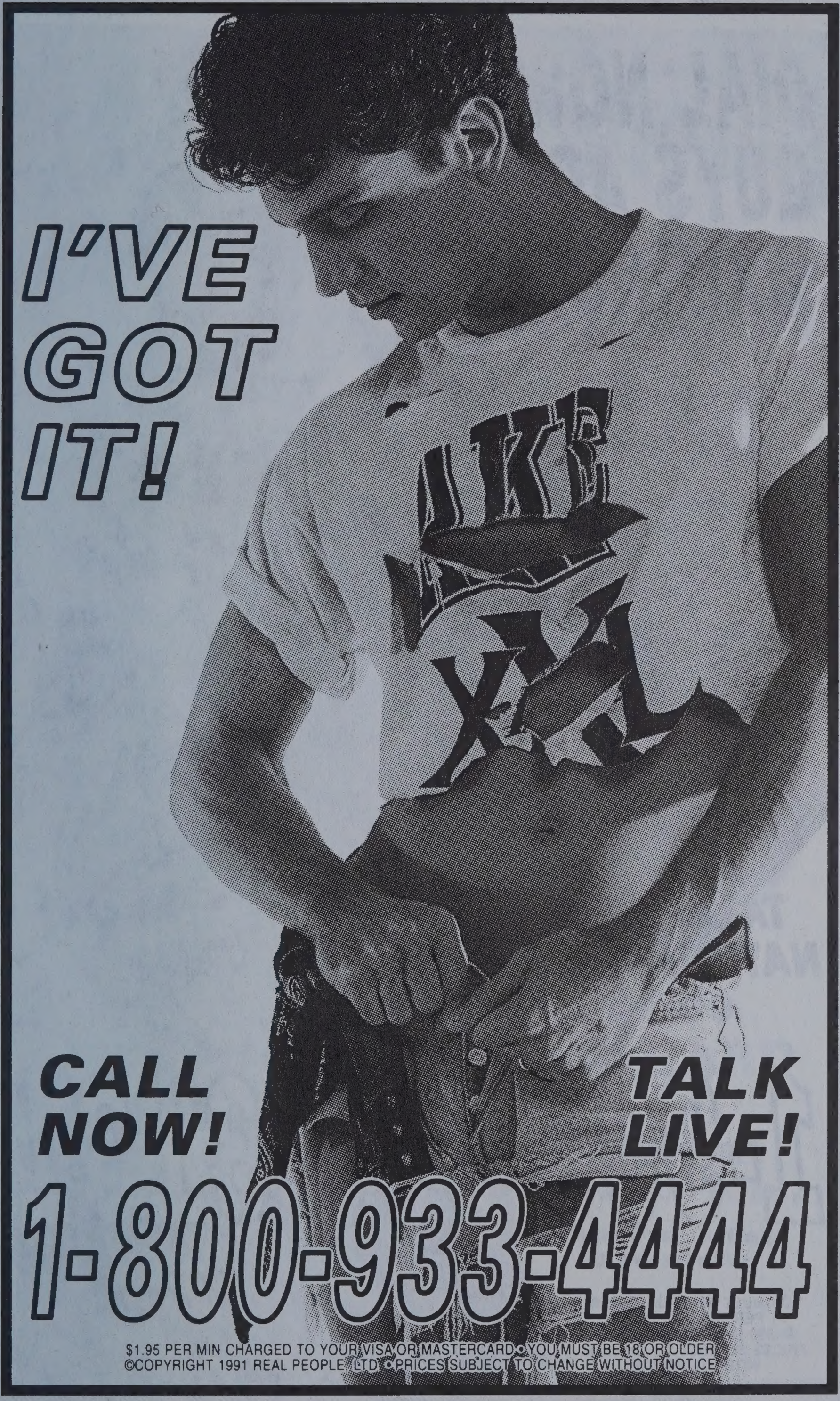
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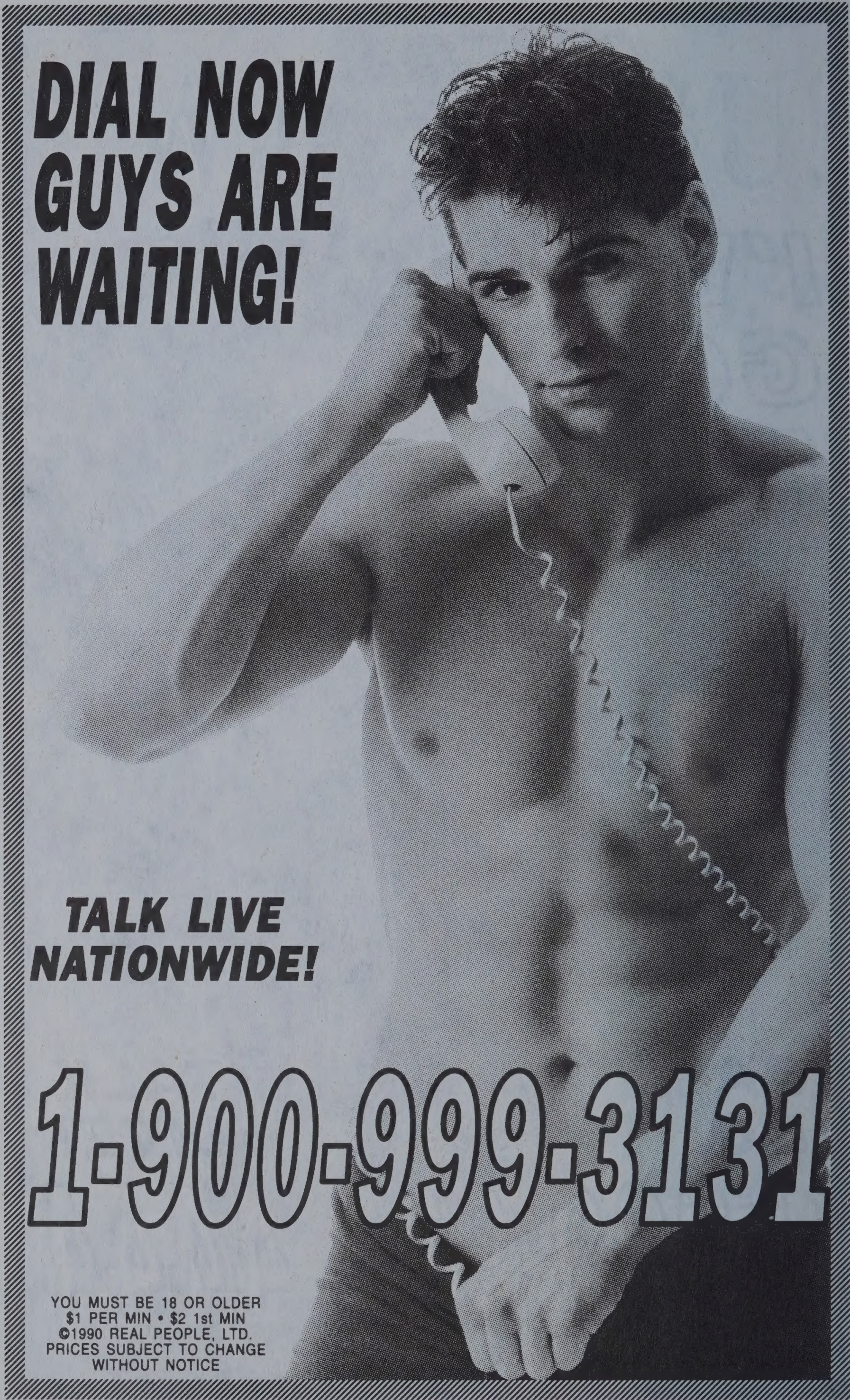

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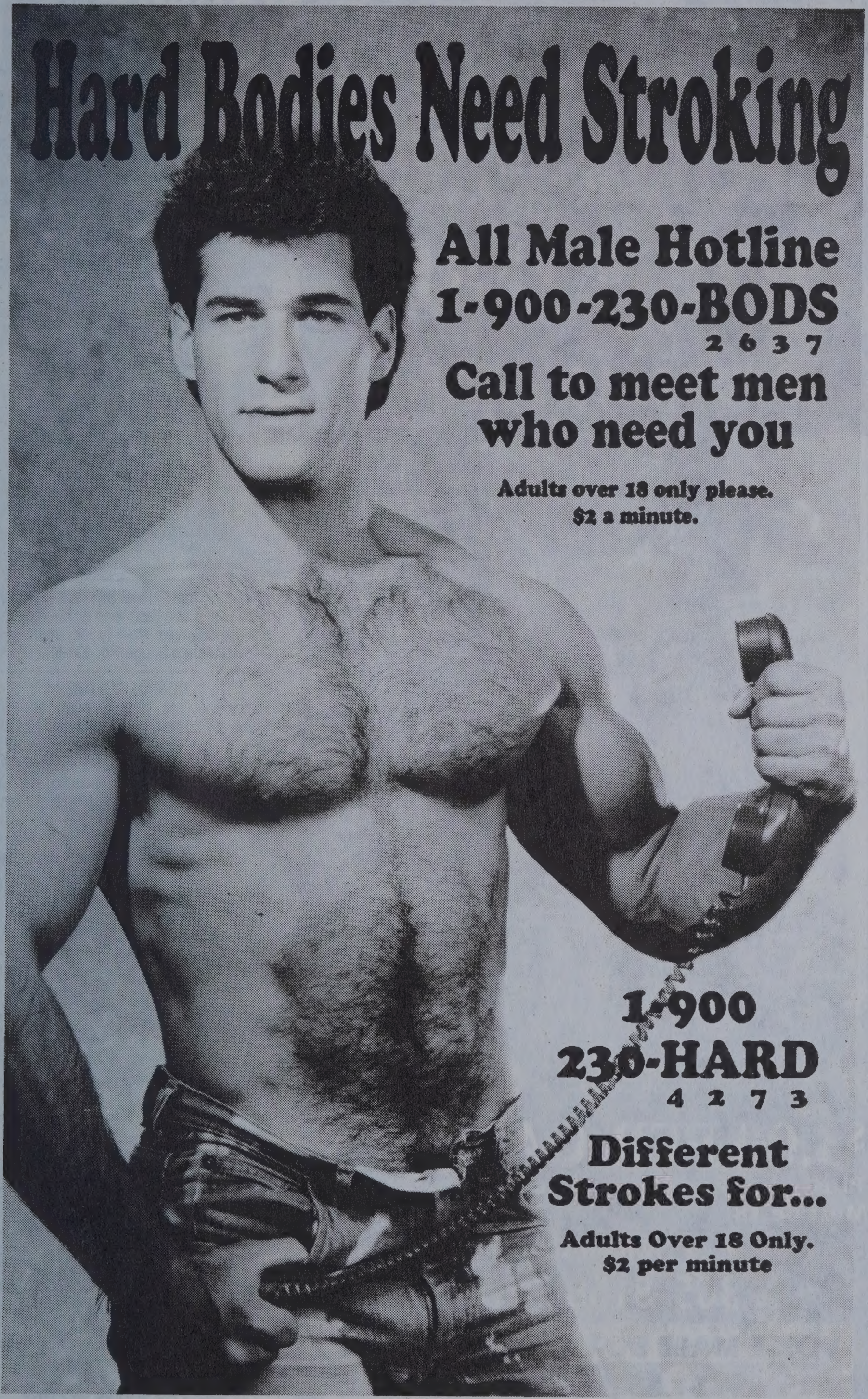

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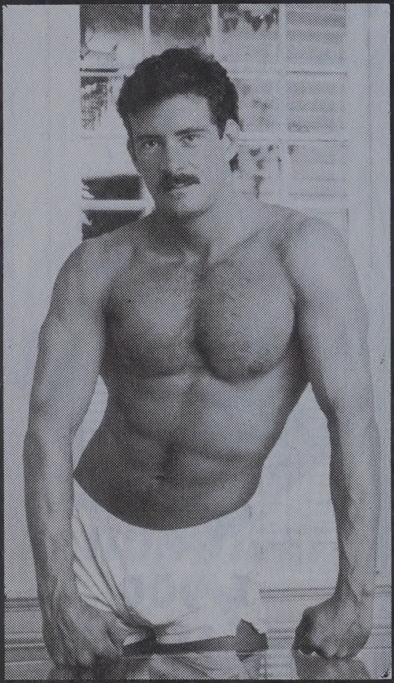

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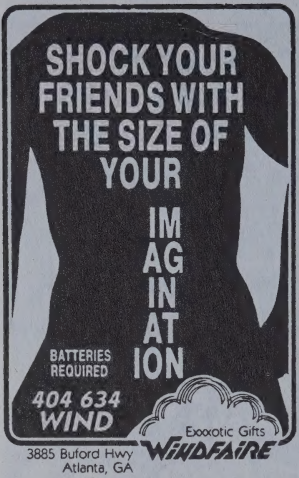
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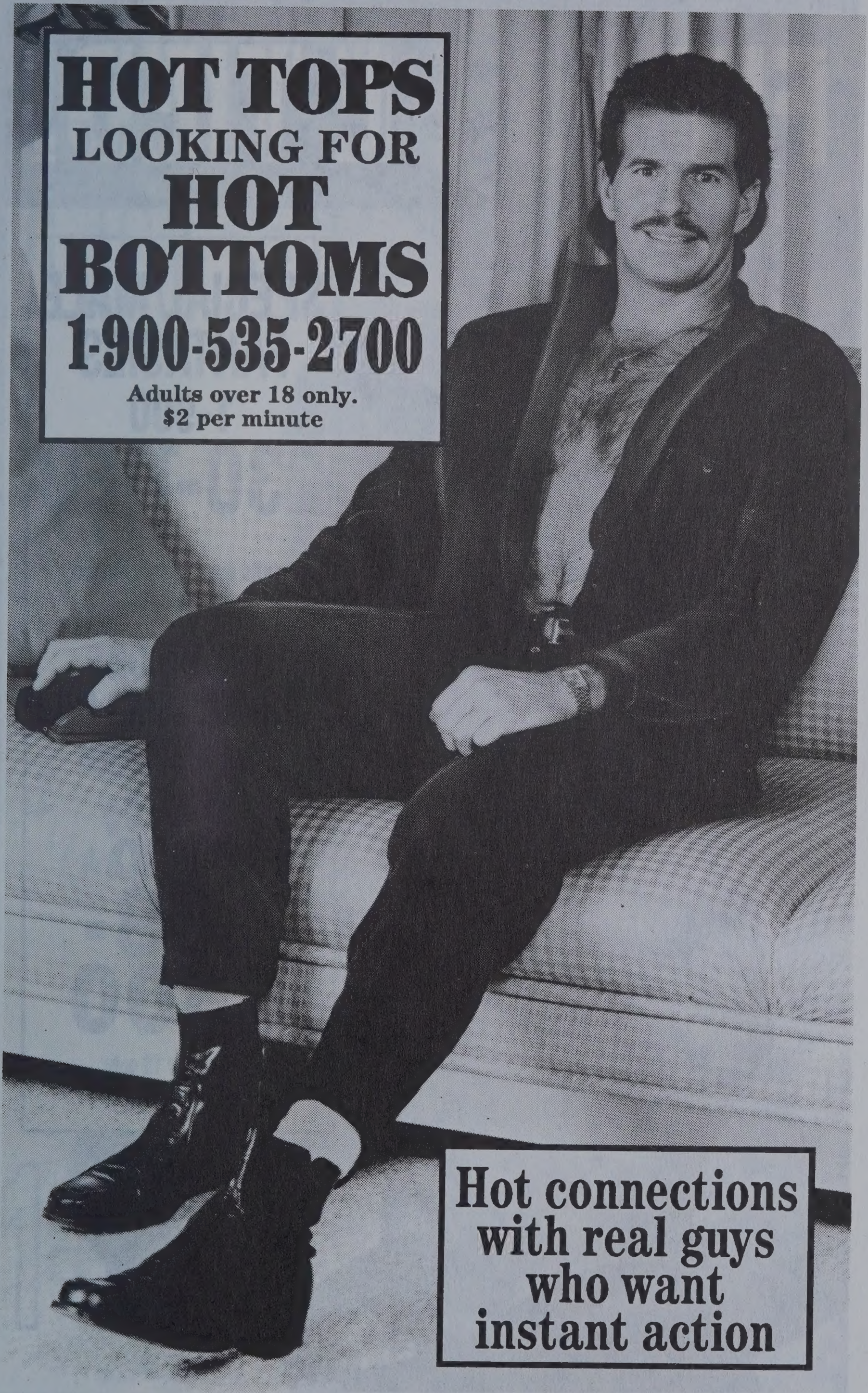
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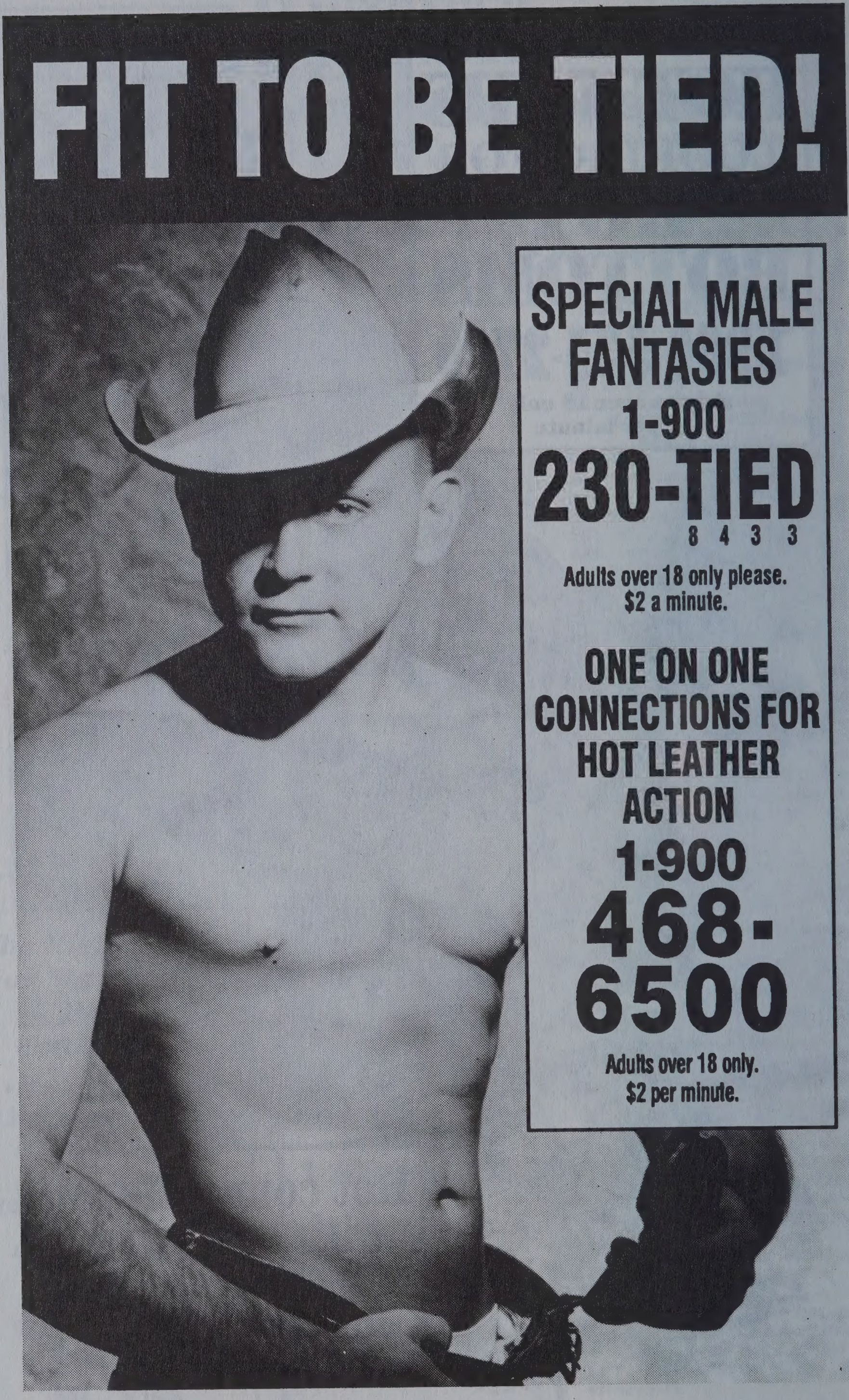

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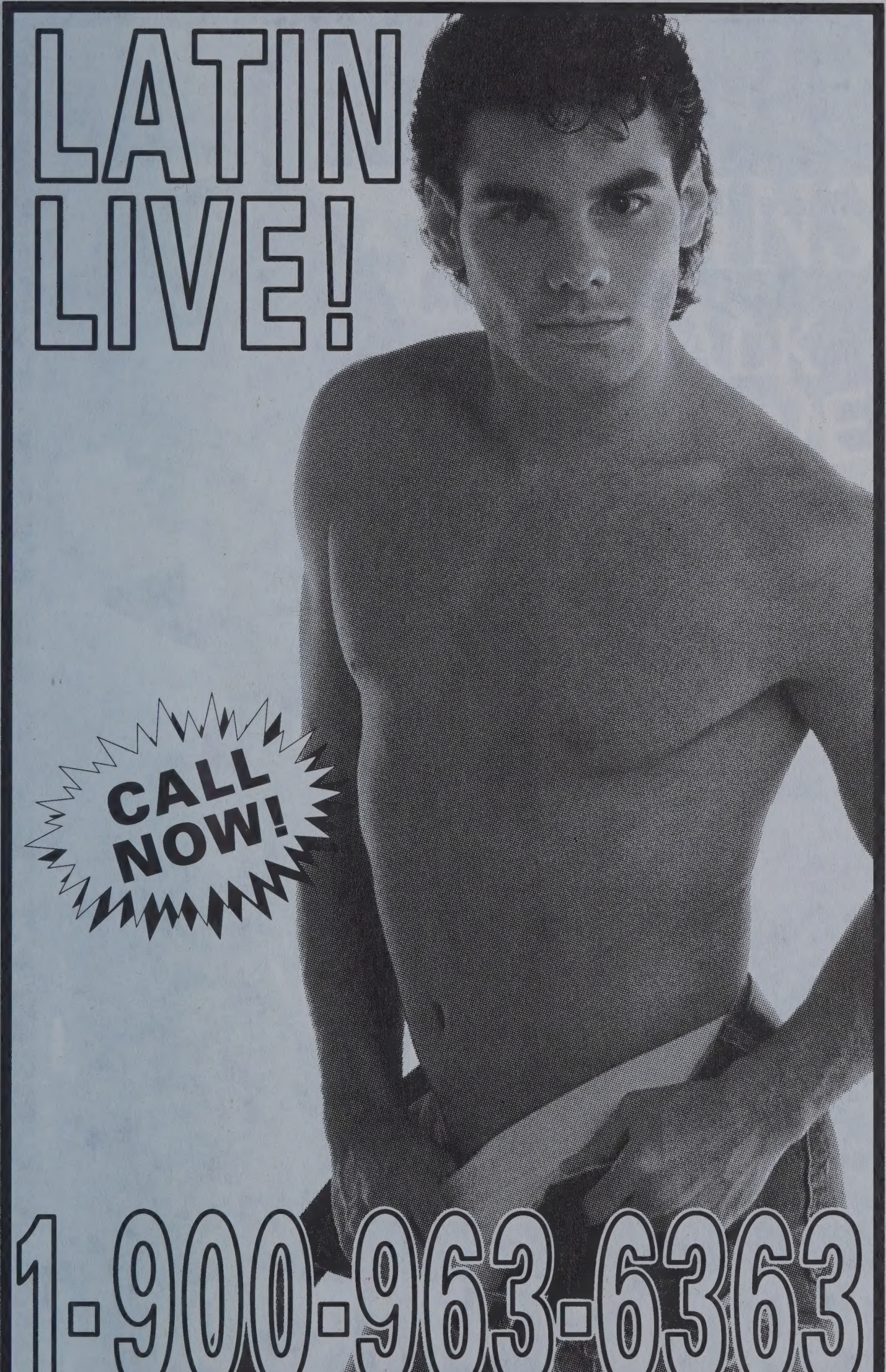

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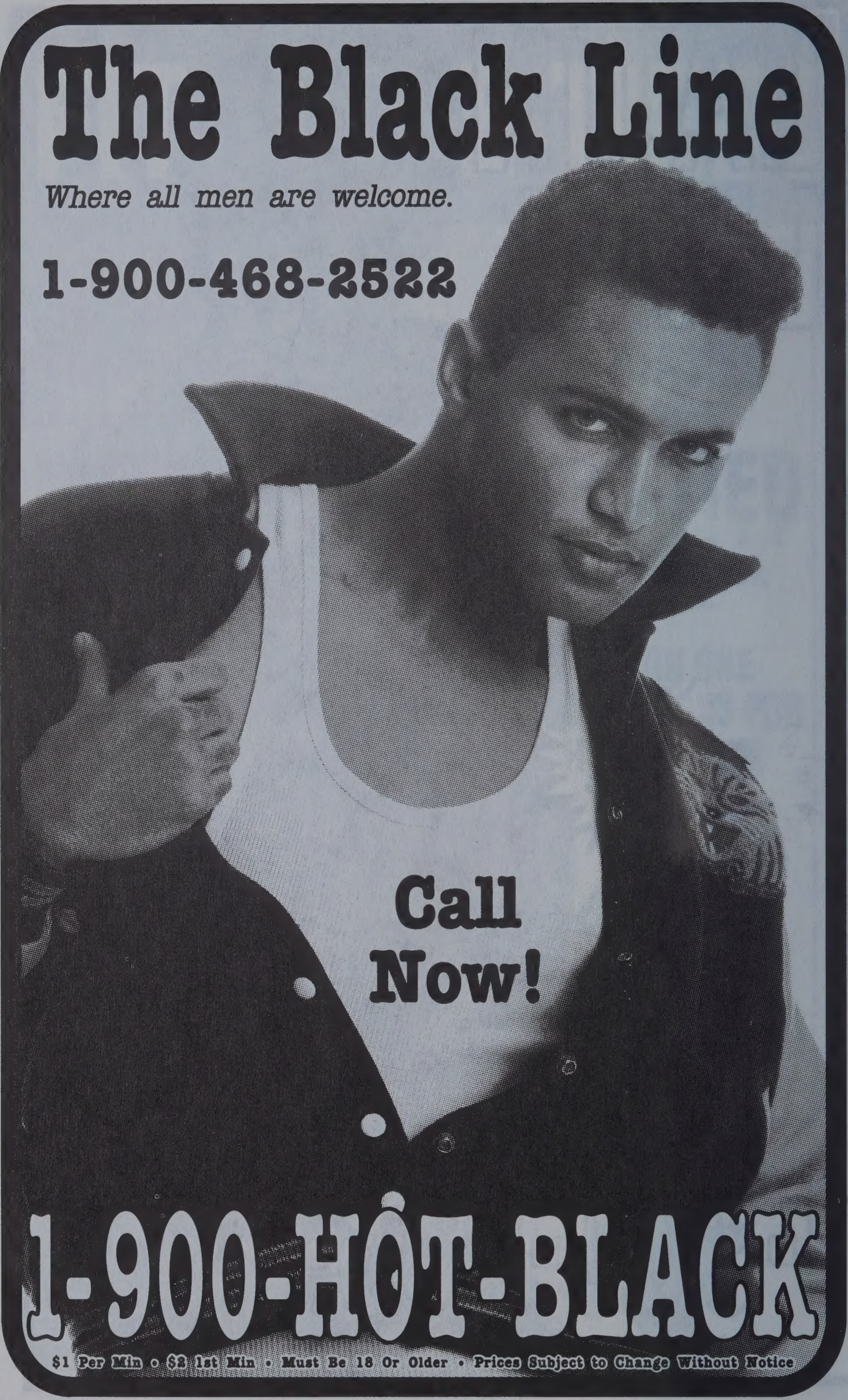
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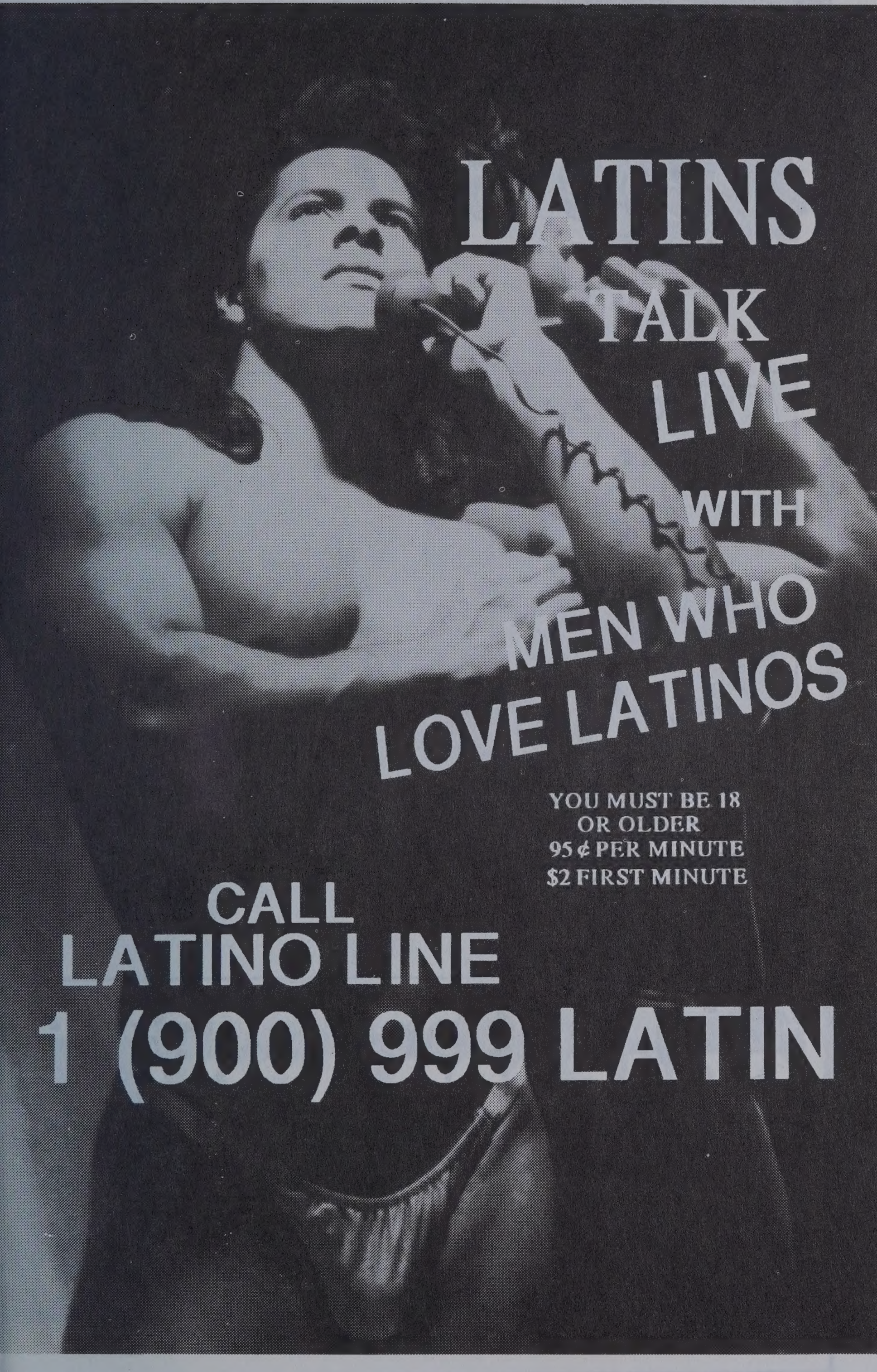

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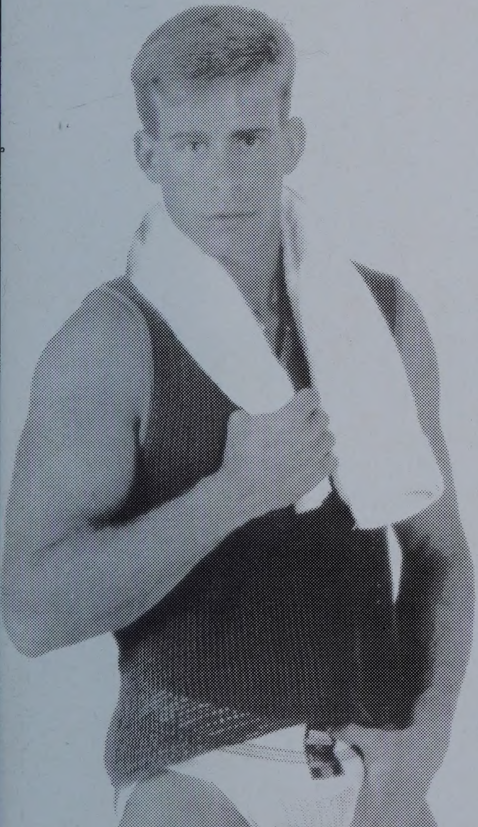

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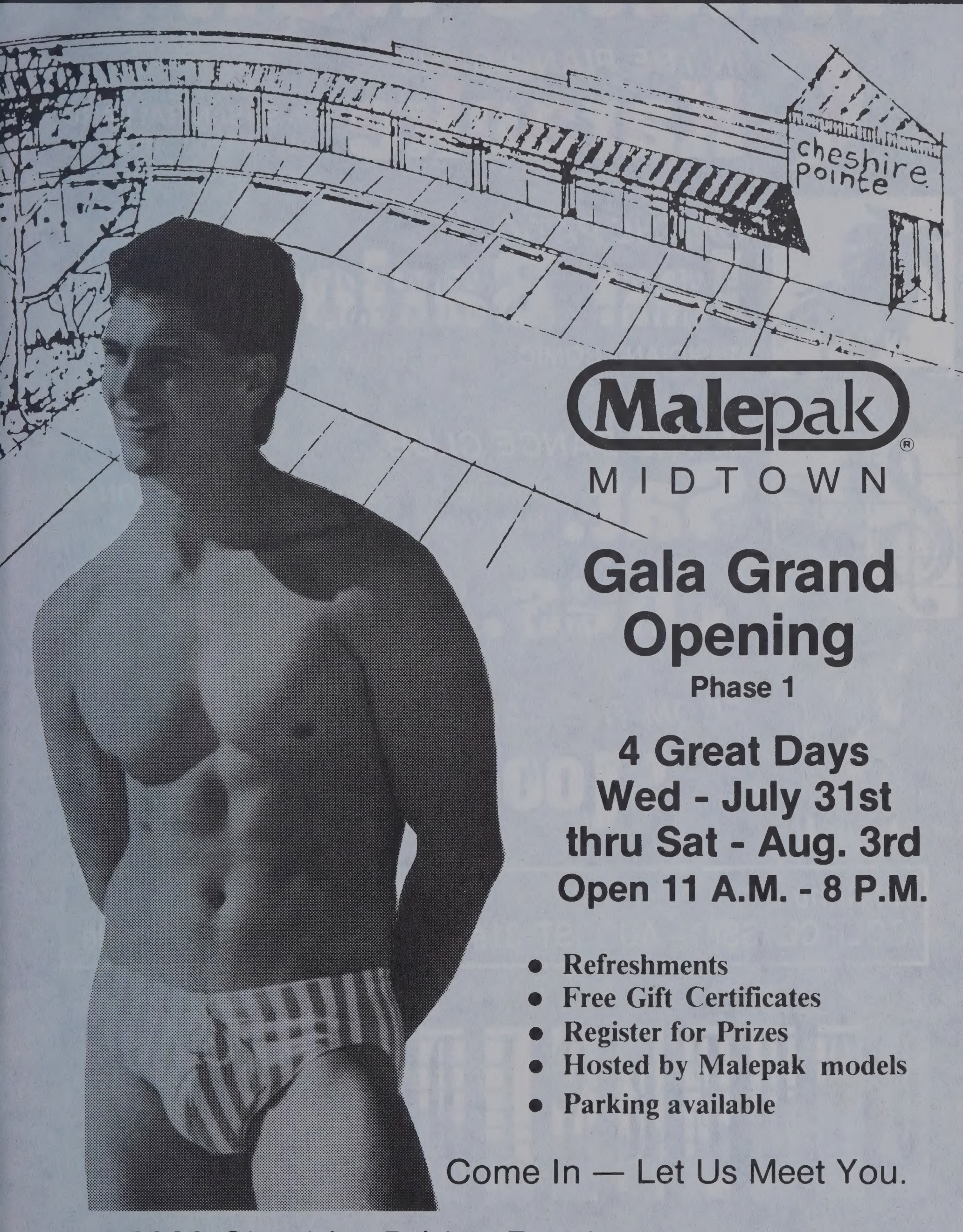

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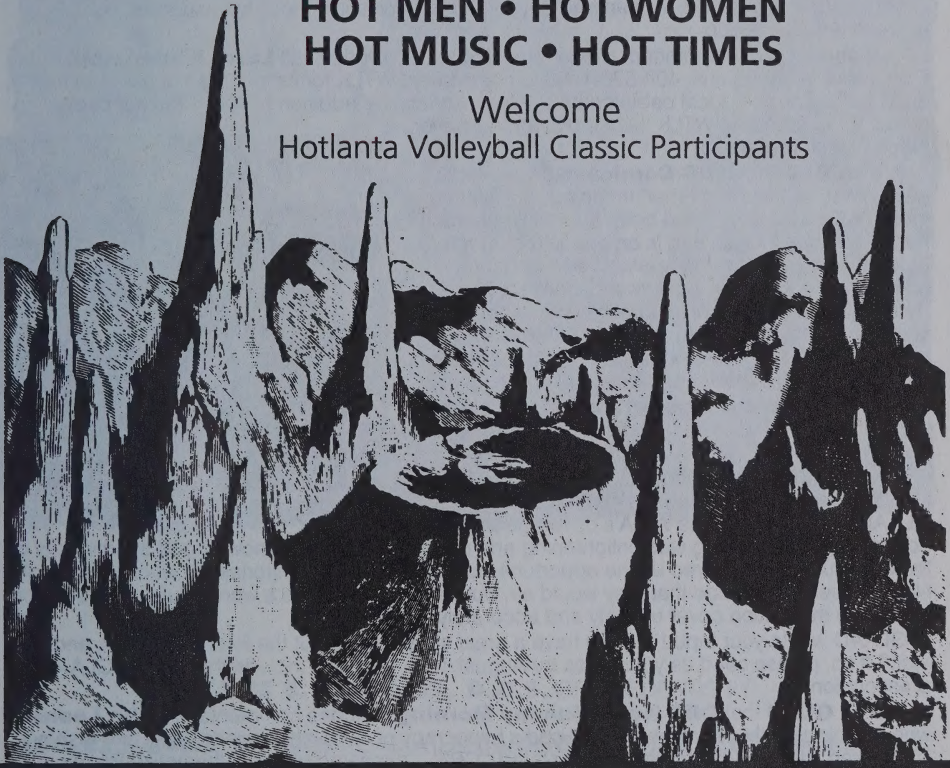

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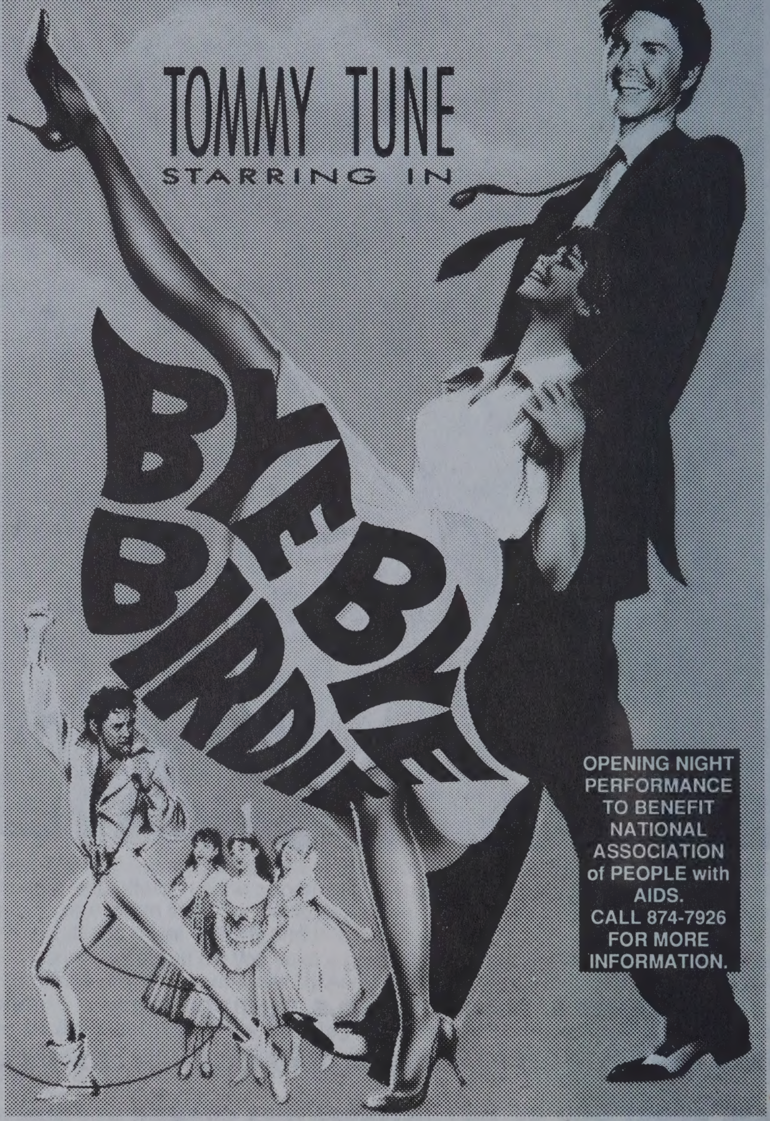

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JUSTICE FOR ALL

If you are arrested...

by David van der Griff

Being arrested can be a very traumatic experience, and members of our community have suffered from harassment during arrest. This article offers guidelines should you be stopped by the police or arrested.

First, an officer does not need a warrant to question or arrest you. If there is "probable cause," an officer can question, search, and formally arrest you.

If you are arrested and taken to a police station, do not talk to anyone except to give your name and address until you have spoken with an attorney. Unless your lawyer is present, do not sign anything except a receipt for your property. If you are taken to the station without being arrested, pay attention to how long you are detained. If you are injured, report it to the police desk right away, and ask to be taken to a hospital. If you do not get medical attention, keep demanding it.

> **If you are harassed or injured... make a formal complaint....**

If you are harassed or injured by a police officer, make a formal complaint to the Internal Affairs Office for that law enforcement agency. This will insure that the incident is properly documented and can be used as evidence should you choose to file a lawsuit against the officer who caused the injury.

Avoiding harassment and injury is the goal when approached by a police offi-

See Justice on page 12.

Mayor keeps promise

Okula appointed to Jackson's staff

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta – Mayor Maynard Jackson has finally kept one of his 1989 campaign promises by hiring an openly gay or lesbian staffer. It was announced Wednesday, July 17, that Marcia Okula had been appointed as a special assistant to the mayor.

As part of her duties, Okula, who starts her new job at City Hall Monday, July 22, will be responsible for the reestablishment of the City's Community Relations Commission (CRC), which will address discrimination complaints.

"It's a real opportunity to unite the diverse community of Atlanta. Each group standing on its own doesn't have much power, but together, we can fight for common goals," said Okula about the CRC.

In a press statement issued by the mayor's office, Mayor Jackson is quoted as saying, "I am delighted that Ms. Okula has agreed to serve the City and my Administration. Given her credentials and community experience, I am confident that we will be able to address more effectively the concerns of the gay/lesbian community and protect the human rights of all citizens."

As the first openly gay or lesbian person in Atlanta city government, Okula said it is important that she is successful and she hopes the lesbian and gay community will stand behind her and be supportive.

"Now that we're in, I think we can make a go of it and be a force in city government," Okula said.

A former member of Fourth Tuesday, Okula is a 20-year resident of Atlanta. She currently resides in Candler Park. Okula plans to continue pursuing a graduate degree in Psychology at GSU at night.

City in noncompliance

Police fail to issue hate crime report

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta - Once again the Atlanta Police Department is in non-compliance with a city ordinance that mandates the collection of bias crime statistics; at press time, a report for the first six months of 1991 was unavailable. Meanwhile, statistics gathered by the lesbian and gay community indicate 30 bias incidents occurred over the first six months of this year in metro Atlanta.

During a July 16 telephone conversation Glenda Lock, APD media relations information officer, said the bias crime report is not ready to be released and they are working on getting the report to *Etcetera Magazine*.

Etcetera's formal written request for the report was received by the Police Department July 2, as indicated by the certified mail return postcard.

Lock would not make further comment on the status of the report or why it was taking so long for its release.

According to an ordinance adopted by Atlanta City Council in July 1989, the Atlanta Police Department is to collect data on bias crimes and publish a report semiannually. The lack of a report for the six-month period that ended June 30 currently makes the city in noncompliance.

The bias crimes report for the last six months of 1990 was not released until March 1991, weeks after *Etcetera* had petitioned for it.

"It's been two years since the ordinance was passed and certainly that's enough time for them to get their computer system in place so that it takes no more than punching a few buttons to produce the report," said

See Hate Crimes on page 14.

Metro Atlanta bias crimes reported to the "Bias Crime Hotline" from January 1, 1991 – June 30, 1991.

Harassment	3
Threats of violence	3
Physical assaults/ objects thrown	10
Police abuse	10
Vandalism	2
Arson	0
Anti-gay homicide	1
Gay-related homicide	1

No more excuses for not reporting hate crimes

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta - For whatever reason, quite often lesbians and gay men are hesitant to report bias crimes to the police or indicate to a reporting officer that they feel the crime was bias motivated.

Now there is another way to report anti-lesbian and gay attacks to the City of Atlanta Police Department. Michelle Hughey, a research assistant in the Crime Analysis Unit, will aid victims in filing hate crime reports.

Hughey hopes that offering victims a chance to report hate crimes to a civilian employee of the police department will allay some fears, motivating people to report hate crimes that would have gone undocumented. Gone is the excuse, "I didn't report the hate crime because I was afraid of the abuse I would receive from the reporting police officer."

Hughey can be reached at 404-658-7621, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

After calling the local police, a victim of a hate motivated crime should then call the reporting service operated by the U.S. Department of Justice (1-800-347-HATE). Residents of Georgia should also call the ACLU of Georgia Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter bias crime hotline (404-286-BIAS).

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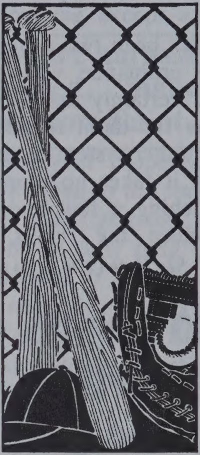

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JUSTICE
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cer. (This is not to say that all officers who approach you are out to beat you up or give you a hard time.) There are some simple things you can do to make the best out of a horrifying experience. Attempt to stay calm while you assess the officer's physical description, name and badge number. Be courteous to the officer even if you are being harassed. Do not say that you know your legal rights or insist to be told your rights. This may anger the officer.

Do not pull away, make sudden moves or refuse to be frisked for weapons. Actions such as these will only provoke the officer to use force to arrest you.

You need only tell the officer your name and address. You will also need to produce an I.D. Do not volunteer more information than is necessary to answer questions.

Finally, if you are injured by the officer seek medical attention promptly, and obtain a copy of the medical treatment report. Have someone photograph the injuries you have sustained immediately. These can serve as evidence should you file a lawsuit.

The ACLU of Georgia Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter has published a brochure on police harassment. You can obtain one by calling (404) 523-6201. Call the Bias Crimes Hotline, (404) 286-BIAS, if you experience any kind of police harassment.

Tragedy strikes Army base

by Jack Pelham

California - Tragedy has struck Ft. Irwin, further illustrating the need for reforming the military's policy banning lesbian and gay personnel in what authorities are labeling "an apparent murder-suicide."

On July 7, Spec. Terry Stephenson's body was found in a hallway outside his room shortly after 6:00 a.m. Three hours later, Sgt. Timothy Miller shot himself after officers questioned him about the murder.

According to reports in the *Los Angeles Times*, Miller, 25, had been charged on three counts of indecent acts stemming from an alleged relationship with Stephenson, 20, who was scheduled to be a prosecution witness in Miller's court-martial hearing later in the week.

"Stephenson was alleging that Miller initiated the contact," said Maj. John Wagstaffe, Ft. Irwin public affairs officer, in the *Los Angeles Times*. "It was a case of fraternization between a supervising noncommissioned officer and a subordinate officer.... It was not an alleged forced act."

If convicted, Miller, who had denied the charges, faced a maximum penalty of six months in military jail, a bad conduct discharge, a fine and reduced rank.

See Military on page 18.

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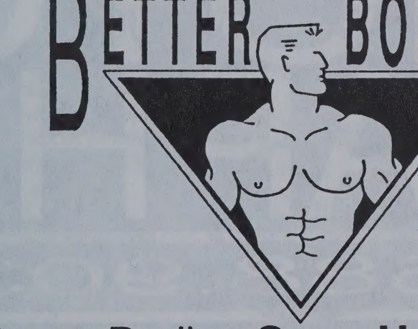

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HATE CRIMES

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Cathy Woolard, chair of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter.

"I think the fact that they are not able to produce the report immediately indicates they are not complying with the city ordinance.

"We are in the process of asking the ACLU to look into the matter as quickly as possible."

The ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter operates the Georgia Hate Crime Hotline and has made public the bias incidents reported to it between January 1 and June 30, 1991; 30 incidents were reported in metro Atlanta (see chart on page 11).

Of those 30 incidents, one was a gay-related hom-

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icide and one was an anti-gay homicide that resulted in two gay men being killed.

On January 1, 1991, John Termini was murdered by someone who was sitting with him in his truck at Frankie Allen Park, located on Pharr Road in Buckhead. Termini was fatally stabbed several times before stumbling out of his truck. His assailant made off with his vehicle, which was later recovered. No suspect was ever charged in Termini's gay-related murder.

Raymond Thompson, 36, and Wendell Ekers, 50, were the victims of an anti-gay homicide in Marietta April 16. The men were found shot to death in their underwear.

Three of Ekers' four children were questioned about the slaying but no arrests have been made. Police have information that at least one of Ekers' sons threatened Thompson after accusing him of "turning his father gay."

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QN changes Cracker Barrel tactics

by Don Johnston

Atlanta – Queer Nation changed their tactics in protests against Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Inc., Sunday, June 14, by purchasing stock in the country-style food chain in an attempt to gain access to the company's management.

All 94 protesters, including 14 stockholders, were denied access to the Lithonia Cracker Barrel restaurant. Spokespersons for the restaurant blockaded their driveway and recited a statement to pairs of protesters saying that they were not welcome on any Cracker Barrel property; nine DeKalb County police officers supervised the procedings.

See Cracker Barrel on page 18.

FAIRNESS IN EMPLOYMENT

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Protesters at the July 14 Lithonia Cracker Barrel demonstration (right) are told by restaurant management to leave the property or face arrest, as the "Cracker Cam" videotapes the proceedings. Cracker Barrel stockholders were also denied entry into the country eatery.

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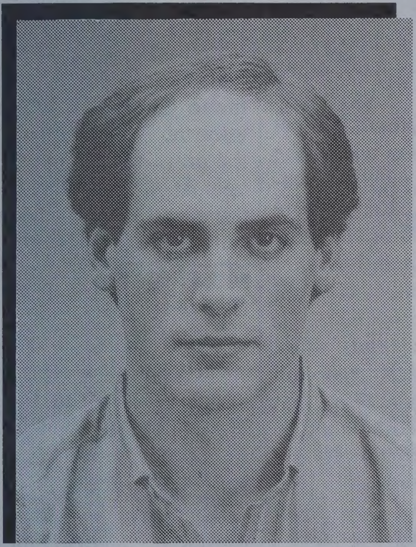

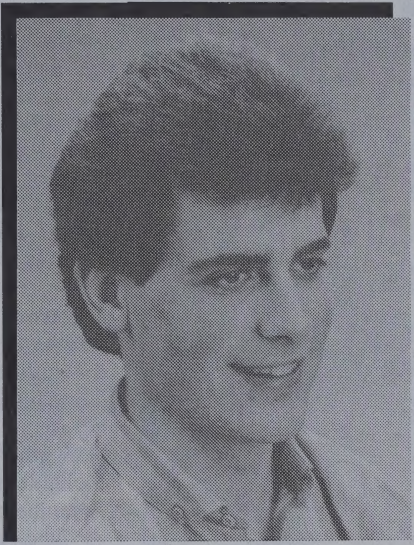

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CRACKER BARREL

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Cheryl Summerville, a lesbian who was fired from the Douglasville Cracker Barrel, approached the blockade with a placard stating her name and that she was a stockholder in the company. A slogan on the poster read: "You have fired, arrested and refused me service. Now that I own part of this company, won't you let me in?"

Restaurant management refused to answer any of the stockholders' specific questions. Instead, they wrote down the stockholders' names and recited the statement repeated to all picketers.

Summerville and other stockholders left to join picket lines after saying that the company could talk to them now or at the annual stockholder's meeting in November.

Police dropped the blockade of the restaurant's driveway 20 minutes into the action after Cracker Barrel management had told all the protesters that trespassers would be arrested.

Despite 93 degree heat, Queer Nationals continued their eleventh protest of the restaurant's policy of not employing lesbians and gay men. A light breeze stirred, but some picketers chanted that they wanted a swimming pool as well as human rights.

Plans for protests at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on the second and forth Sundays of each month have been canceled. Queer Nation spokesperson Larry Pellegrini said no other local protests had been scheduled for the immediate future, but a protest at Cracker Barrel's home office in Lebanon, Tenn. and fundraisers are planned.

Greenville, S.C. Protest

A sit-in protest is planned at the Greenville Cracker Barrel July 28. Activists will meet in the Greenville Mall parking lot (I-85 and Woodruff Rd.) at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Palmetto Gay/Lesbian Association of Greater Greenville, the protest is the first staged against Cracker Barrel in the city. For more information call 803-271-4207.

MILITARY

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Miller used a privately owned gun to shoot himself and Stephenson at the Mojave Desert-based Army training center, Wagstaffe said.

The incident once again draws into question the practices of the U.S. Department of Defense in conducting "witch hunts" to rid the military of lesbians and gay men. It is typical for alleged lesbian and gay individuals to be pressured by interrogators to implicate other "suspected homosexuals."

A panel discussion entitled "The Right to Defend Your Country: Discrimination Against Lesbians and Gay Men in the Military" is scheduled for Sunday, August 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Inforum Hotel. Scheduled speakers include Joseph Steffan, former midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy.

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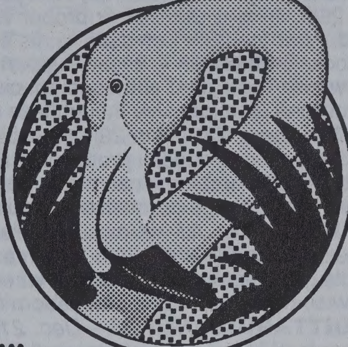

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LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Getting what you want may be temporarily blocked this week. Partners or those in charge seem mysteriously distant on the 26th, 27th & 30th. On the 28th role models disappoint you. On the 31st romantic interest revives you. After the 1st expect many changes on the home front.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* All eyes may be on you. Much activity surrounds you. On the 26th, 27th & 30th allow proper career connections to unfold easily. Don't push too hard. After the 28th domestic spirits can be raised. Much work done there improves your outlook. On the 29th & 31st a support group of "one" makes you feel like you're on top of the world. Thank that someone special on the 1st. Cheap sentimental gift will work much better than an expensive thoughtless one.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Opposition with friends may occur due to romantic choices. Seeing eye to eye looks pretty difficult on the 26th, 27th & 31st. On the 28th & 29th temporary health problems can stop you in your tracks. On the 30th financial investment approach can change dramatically. You see more clearly after the 1st.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Career & domestic issues oppose. Some may consider relocation. On the 26th, 28th & 29th expect favorable business news. Romantic entanglements get real sticky on the 30th when you take back some personal power. On the 31st show someone special a new-reborn face.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* Much change occurs in the career. Expect much movement. Many can do very well financially. On the 26th, 31st & 1st resources offered may genuinely surprise you. Romance can be fraught with pettiness on both the 27th & 28th. Try to think bigger if you can. After the 30th expect to have more money.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Partnership financial issues are the focus this week.

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AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* You feel isolated even though you may be surrounded by many. Try leaning a bit on loved ones on the 26th, 27th & 31st. Believe me they won't mind. Career direction looks dubious on the 28th & 29th. Direction becomes obvious however on the 30th. After the 1st, energy is well spent at home or on the home.

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* Confusion over health and work can tie up many meaningless hours. Get a grip.

ARIES *(Mar. 21 – Apr. 19)* Interesting career opportunities unfold this week. Get what you want on the 26th, 29th & 30th. Let desires be known on the 27th. Romance picks up speed after the 28th. On the 31st legal issues need to be re-addressed. Solutions to domestic grief on the 1st come from good solid friendship. Listen this time.

TAURUS *(Apr. 20 – May 20)* Taking the good with the bad can be irritating this week. Career ambitions conflict with domestic harmony. On the 26th, 27th & 28th others appear to do their best to make your life miserable. "New loves" may be most promising on the 29th & 31st. On the 30th changing viewpoint shocks close friends. The cards are stacked in your favor on the 1st. Domestic issue is the key.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Many changes can be expected on the home front.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Travel and relatives are favored this week. Enjoy the good intentions of others. Communication ability brings in extra dollars on the 26th, 29th & 30th. On the 27th & 29th let loved ones in on some secrets.

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To many people in Atlanta, RuPaul Charles is somewhat legendary. For those who may not have been in Atlanta in the 80s, RuPaul was described by local radio station Album 88 as the "Master of Self Promotion." When the straight press took notice and Atlanta Magazine posed the question: "Is RuPaul for Real?" it became obvious that, yes, he was, and a successful career as a very unusual performer was destined to be born.

After appearing in several cult movies here, ("Mahogany II" and more notably "Starbooty") the six foot seven vocalist, actor, and fashion androgine left Atlanta to seek fame and fortune in New York. RuPaul came back for a visit recently, and took the time to share some of his thoughts, feelings, and plans for the future.

ETC: Where are you from originally? I know that you lived in Atlanta for some time, before you moved to NY.

RuPaul: Actually, I moved here in 1976. I was like 14 years old, and I went to Northside High School. One of my classmates was Jasmine Guy from "A Different World," she was in that same class, isn't that wild?

I'm actually from San Diego, but I felt like I really became myself when I started living in Atlanta. I felt like I was born again really, I mean San Diego was like this, oh I don't know, I felt like I was in this coma or something until I came here.

ETC: So you actually spent some pretty formative years here.

RuPaul: Right, I feel like I came out, as it were. I mean I never reclly had to come out of a closet because I've never been in one. I've always been a pretty flamboyant personality. I feel like as a human being I became more of the me that I am now.

The South has always been conducive to eccentric personalities. You're able to breathe and express yourself artistically, I believe, moreso than in republican conservative belts, or maybe it's the religion and the fact that it's Baptist and not Catholic. I don't know, there's a definite difference here.

ETC: How long have you been performing? I saw a tape on Cable Channel 12 called "Dog People." You had big blonde hair and you were performing with a band called Wee Wee Pole.

RuPaul: Yeah it was '83. I was living here in Atlanta with my brother-in-law and my sister and I had enrolled in Northside School of The Performing Arts. I always wanted to become a performer, but for the first five years I was here I worked for my brother-in-law's car business. I would travel all over the country selling and buying cars, and one day I was watching "The American Music Show" on Public Access (Cable Channel 12), and The Now Explosion was on that show. James Bond (Julian Bond's brother) and Dick Richards, who is, you know, FunTone Records, were on there too.

So anyway, I wrote in and met everybody and became part of the show, and they were my entry way into the Atlanta Club Scene because they were performing around town. So, I put together this band myself and I began opening for them and appearing as a special guest. My group was called RuPaul & The U-Hauls which later became Wee Wee Pole. In fact one of the U-Hauls was at Velvet when I performed there recently. She has a seven month old baby now!

But eventually Wee Wee Pole broke up, and I started doing solo stuff, recording, doing little cult films. And, at the same time performing in New York. Actually I did move to NYC in '84, but I came back here in '85 to do "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at this theatre. That was a big success and that led to my record. It was really a great time.

I left shortly after that, in November of 1987. Me, Larry Tee, and LaHoma packed up everything in the Now Explosion Van and drove to New York. On the way up there the van had a blow out and it spewed all of LaHoma's stuff out onto I-85.

ETC: How far up the coast were you when that happened? 377

RuPaul: I think it was Anderson, S.C. It was incredible. It was like our entry into the "belly of the beast," as it were. We didn't get hurt or anything, it just really shook us up, you know, and it's like nothing's ever been the same since. It was the beginning of all our new adventures! It's really funny how things like that happen.

ETC: What made you decide to move to NY?

RuPaul: Well, being human, I guess you just want more and more. Midtown started getting real conservative, you know? I mean they started tearing down affordable housing for us bohemians and building all these high rise buildings. I guess it was just the next natural thing. In fact, I think every artist, if he has big ambitions will go to the "big city," if he wants to sell his wares.

It's great here, though. I like Atlanta a lot. I feel more like a resident of this planet now, instead of a resident of one state, you know what I mean? Recently Larry Tee, LaHoma, and I went to Italy. It didn't seem that foreign to me. It's so far away, and I expected it to be so different, but it wasn't. I think the world has become such a global village.

ETC: Do you consider yourself to be a very spiritual person?

RuPaul: Oh yes! I think everybody is extremely spiritual, a lot of people just don't recognize it. I went back and forth between coasts back in '88, you know, just kind of looking for myself trying to find where I came from. While I was on the west coast I got to see those Joseph Campbell tapes, "The Power of Myth" on PBS. It was incredible. He studied myths and the plight of mankind through centuries. I learned a lot from that, and from Shirley McLaine books. She's great too. In fact, I'm writing a book of my own right now, called "Love Your Funky Self." It'll be out soon.

ETC: So we know a lot about where RuPaul has been since he left Atlanta. Where is he going now?

RuPaul: I've got a new single out, it's just come out, called "I've Got That Feeling" and it's on Cardiac Records, a subsidiary of Virgin Records. Additionally, Dee-Lite is producing a couple of singles for me on the new album. It's really wild to be on a label that's so accessible! I've always been on FunTone before, and it's an independent label, so it's not backed by some huge conglomerate like Virgin. But anyway, I'm going to be doing a sequel to Starbooty, possibly with La-Homa. I'd really like to get back into doing those cultish movies we used to do here. They were so much fun!

And, I hope to be back in Atlanta, real soon. The new record will be out at the end of the summer so I'll be all over the place doing one-nighters and hopefully, I'll get to come back here. ▼

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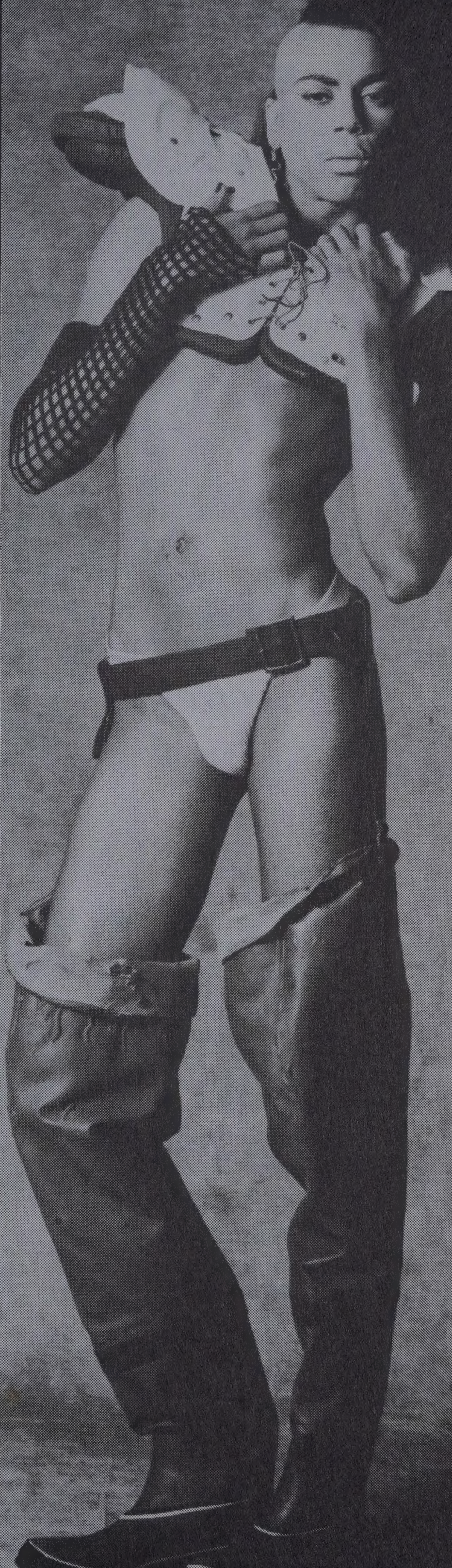

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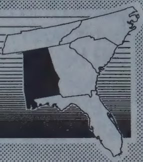

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▼Billy (Atlanta's Living Legend) Jones and long time friend John Austin at Billy's faboo BD Bash at the Cove. Happy 70th, Toots! photo Peg

Peg's Dirt!

Well Girlz, has Peg got the grease this week... Lately Peg has been seen cavorting with jet setting celebs about town. At a glamourous **Petrus** dinner party with Roxanne Pulitzer last week, I decided to get her views on the gay and lesbian community. The *gay* divorcee said, "I feel no one should be persecuted for what they believe. Besides, how can I say anything negative when I've done a woman *and* a trumpet!" A great time was had by all as Roxanne promoted her new video series on how not to get screwed in a divorce... another big event last week was the presentation of the **Petrus** Nightlife Award to Larry "Bud" Melman of the David Letterman Show. This simply adorable man told Peg, "Everyone should have the right to live as they please, as long as they don't hurt anybody"... the **Armory** will be having a

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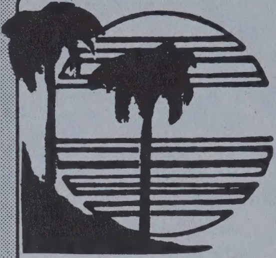

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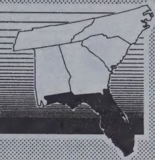

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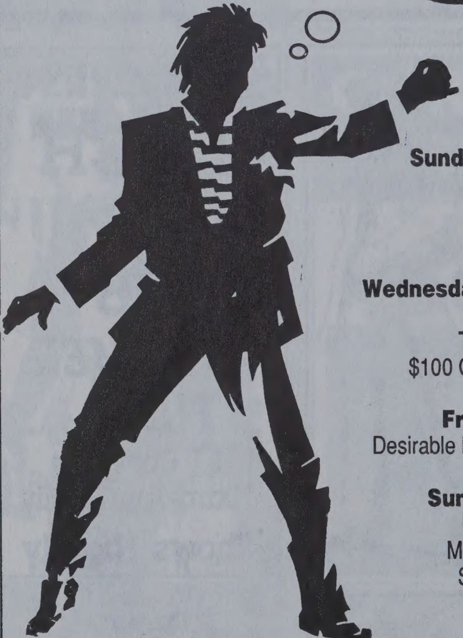

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▼He's wet ... he's wild! ... must be the Heatwave every Sunday at Petrus.

Short Blue Jean Shorts contest on Sunday @ 11. Come see how short it really is... the 3rd annual Miss **Backstreet** Pag will be held Sunday @ 8:30. All interested campy girlz see Big Ruby for details... Contrary to all the rumors the *only* thing closing at **Blake's** is the patio for re-modeling. Watch Etc. for details and don't forget to stop by for a champagne toast at their New Year's in July party on the 31st... **Burkhart's** continues to cure your boredom and your hunger pangs with karaoke, free TGIF buffet and Sunday hot buffet, cable TV, patio pool, and more... Miss USA Sable Chanel has joined the cast of **Crazy Ray'z** cocktail hour shows with host Will Manderson. Beauty and brawn in one room, I don't think I can take it... the self proclaimed "skinny white bitch", Sandra Bernhard will be on hand for a "From All Walks of Life" benefit at the **Collier Road Library**, Aug 4th... **Lavita's** will host Funny That Way's "Wet Dreams & Other Lesbian Tales" on July 30 & 31... It's another one of those glamourous Full Moon parties at the **Eagle** on Friday the 26th. Check out the hot buns on Ponce... **Options** has gone Western on Wednesdays with free admission, free parking, and a new DJ from Pensacola... the neighborhood atmosphere bar is alive and well at the **Pear Garden Lounge** on Luckie Street... the **Otherside** welcomes their new Saturday night DJ, Jimmy Cotton, formerly of NY's Studio 54... News Flash: a new country and western bar is opening on Ponce, stay tuned to Peg for more details on **Zippers**... **Scandals**, a co-sponsor of Hotlanta River Expo, invites you to stop by a friendly neighborhood bar for a stiff one... the **Tower Lounge** hosts the live music of "Cornerfall" Sunday the 28th @ 9:30... **Weekends** is

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CAROL BOBOLTS/1987

Sandra Bernhard whose 1990 film "Without You I'm Nothing" has developed a cult following, will appear in the cabaret at Friday's (Aug. 2) Dance Party at the Georgia Freight Depot. Tickets are $30. Bernhard will also appear at a benefit for From All Walks of Life AIDS Walk at Collier Road Library Sun., Aug. 4. Watch ETC for details.

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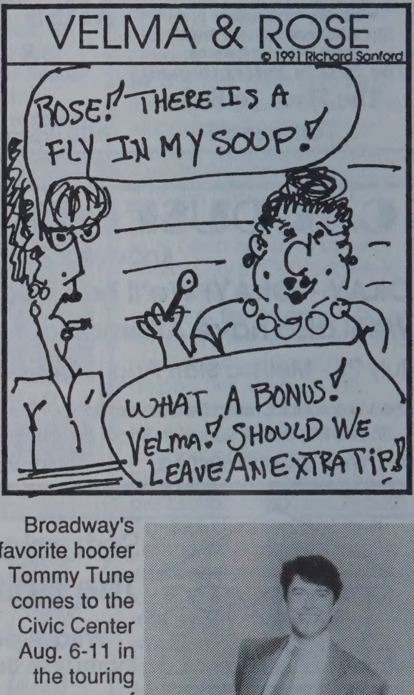
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Warwick has been active in fundraising for AIDS causes since the beginning of the crisis. Her single with Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder and Elton John, "That's What Friends Are For," has raised millions for AIDS research. Among recipients of the proceeds from this concert are Childkind; Outreach, Inc.; Project Open Hand/Atlanta; Sisterlove; SCLC Women's AIDS Program, and the Southside Integrated Care Program.

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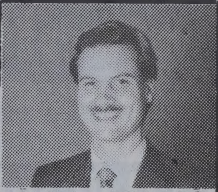
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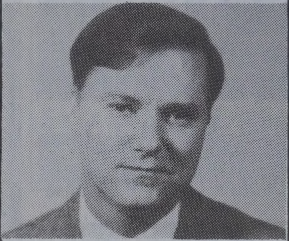

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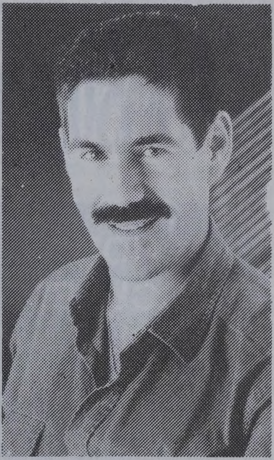

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This letter is dedicated to the whole COMMUNITY as well as to our dearest friend B.C., who through the encouragement of his youth and belief in the future of the U.S. has inspired us to take positive action for social change in this greatest of all countries.

– FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY, L&R

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– PETLESS OWNER

Dear Petless Reader,

I suggest getting a goldfish and call it a day. And if you do, name it after yours truly.

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OBITUARIES..

JOE M. HAYES

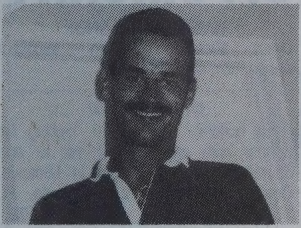
Mr. Joe M. Hayes "Cotton" peacefully terminated this life on July 10, 1991 in Pensacola, Florida. A former resident of Atlanta for many years, he had also resided in New Orleans, San Francisco and Colorado. Joe was an original staff member that opened the Pleasant Peasant Restaurant which subsequently led to his career in management and proprietorship in the restaurant industry. A memorial service was held July 11, 1991 in Dothan, Alabama. "Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy to each other's life."

BILLY HIGGINS

Billy Higgins passed away on July 11, 1991. He was 54 years old. Billy died after an extended illness. He was my very dear friend and devoted customer, he was a very loving, caring and compassionate person. I loved him very much and I will miss him deeply. He will be a great loss to his twin brother Bobby.

Billy, I will think of you often, my dear. Now rest and hurt no more.

Peggy Hubbard/Silver Grill



RICHARD RAY JOHNSON

11/16/61 – 7/6/91

"I have weapons ye know not of, I have ways which will astound you."

Richard Johnson was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Los Angeles on 7/6/91.

Born Dale Eugene Johnson in Miami, FL he attended high school in College Park, GA and Miami Lakes, FL. He returned to Atlanta in 1987 after residing in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orlando and for two years in Ft. Lauderdale. Richard is well-remembered for his unpredictable energy and fun-loving vitality as a waiter at Shoney's on Piedmont in 1988 and was a Midtown resident 1988-89. He moved to L.A. in January 1990, where he worked at the Yukon Mining Company Restaurant in West Hollywood.

Services for friends and family will be held on 7/27/91 at Benson's Funeral Home in Dallas GA. Richard will be very much missed and was loved deeply.

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Like the legendary magic steed Pegasus he loved so much, he wanted to take wings and soar...

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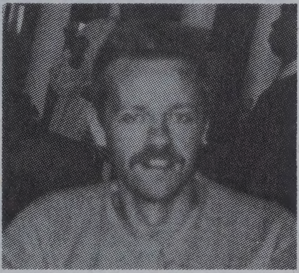
SHELDON GULLEY

4/1/54 – 7/3/91

Sheldon Gulley passed away at home July 3. He will be sadly missed, especially by his long time husband Chuck. In the 70's he worked as a DJ at the SportsPage, Numbers, Jocks, Backstreet, and Pharr Library. His disco music livened up many a crowd.



RANDY LEE SINK

12/12/54 – 7/17/91

Randy died in Asheboro, North Carolina of complications due to AIDS. His Mother, Annie Lou and his sister Cindy survive. He loved them both very much and they paid him back with great love and support throughout his illness.

Randy lived in Atlanta most of his adult life and touched many of us with his humor and love for life. He worked many years at the Do It Yourself Frame Shop in Lindbergh Plaza and also worked at Etcetera Magazine as courier.

Randy was an early and longtime member of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, frequently performing solos. He briefly lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was also a member of the St. Paul Gay Men's Chorus.

Randy was truly a free spirit and got everything he could out of each day of his life. He will be greatly missed by many friends in Atlanta.

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Announcements

Gays and Lesbians organize National March of Washington for April 1993. Next planning meeting set for Chicago on Aug. 3-4. For more info contact the MOW hotline at 1-800-832-2889, or write MOW, c/o NGLTF, 1734 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-4309. FAX: 202-332-0207. [31]

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OUT YOUTH has formed in Atlanta! If you are a lesbian, gay or bi-sexual youth and are interested in socials, demonstrations, safe space, and/or a support group...We want your help! For more information about how you can become active...Call Chance at 404-688-1954. [34]

AIDS 101 - 1991 Awareness & Action Weekends Sponsored by AID Atlanta. July 27 & 28, 8:30-5:30 Sat, 11:30-5:00 Sun., Georgia Mental Health Institute, 1256 Briarcliff Rd. For more info or to register for AIDS 101, please contact AID Atlanta's Volunteer Services at 404-872-0600. [31]

A Family By Any Other Name... An open forum: Legal and medical professionals, lesbian and gay parents speak on adoption/donor insemination. Tuesday., Aug. 6, 7-9 pm, First MCC, N. Highland Ave. Sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of GA. [33]

W.I.N.K. - Women in Kahoots, "Back to the Books" Social, August 3rd, 6 pm, 1003 Hicksmill Ct., Marietta. [32]

A nationwide group of lesbian and gay former Peace Corps Volunteers is being organized for the first time in the Peace Corps' 30-year history. Write: D. Tickner, PO Box 65874, Washington, DC 20035 or phone Cynthia at 202-331-0066. [34]

Women of Color Leadership Conference, Oct. 11-13, 1991, Clarion Oceanfront Resort Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA. Sponsored by Women of Color Network. Registration: Members-$15, non-members $20. Hotline: 800-235-9706. [34]

Gay-lit Society. An organization for writers/lovers of poetry and literature. For membership information call: Ron Denardo at 404-892-2815. [34]

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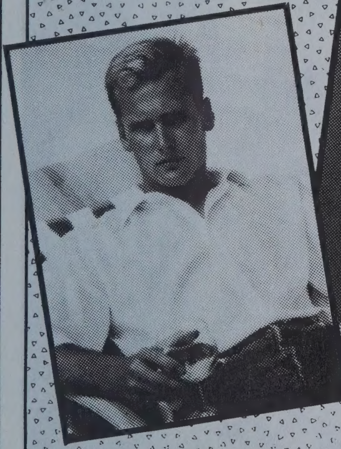

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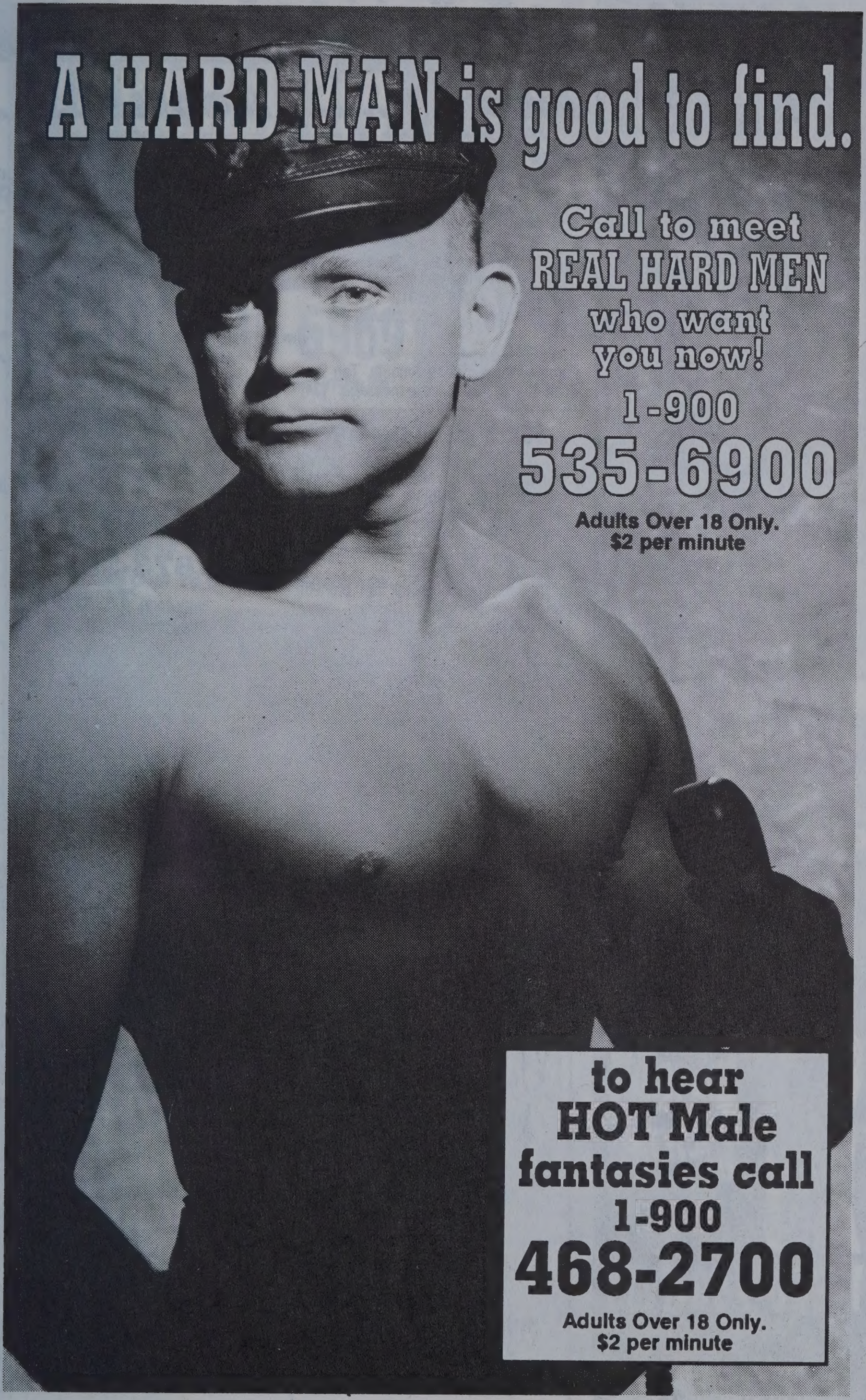
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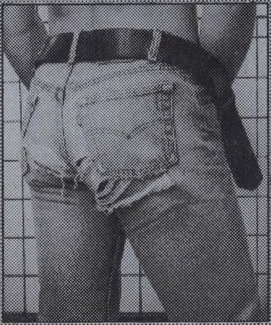

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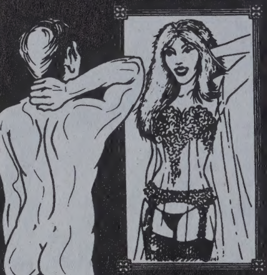

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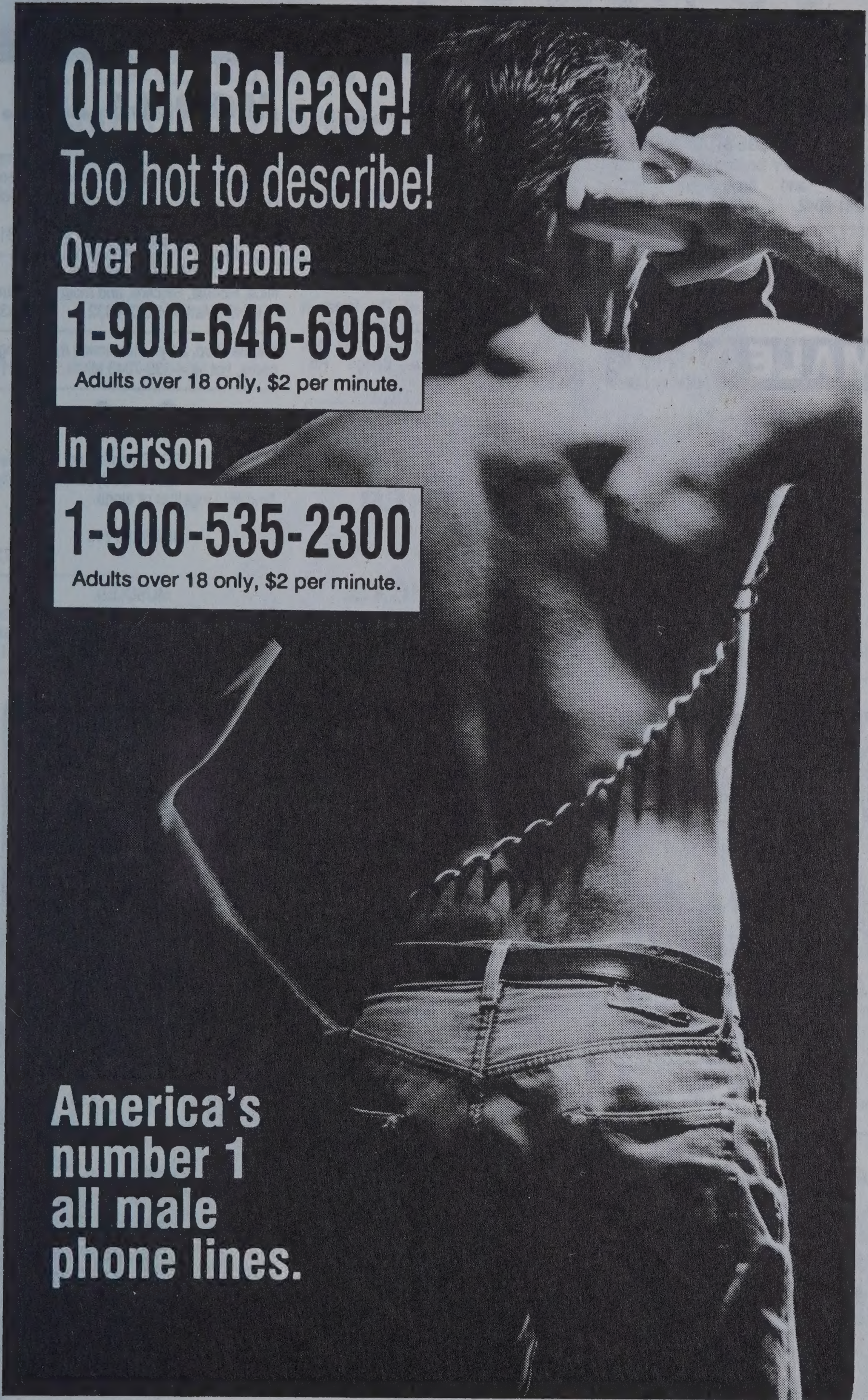

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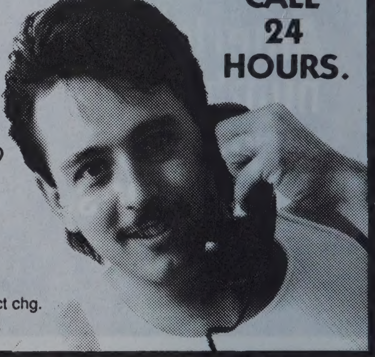

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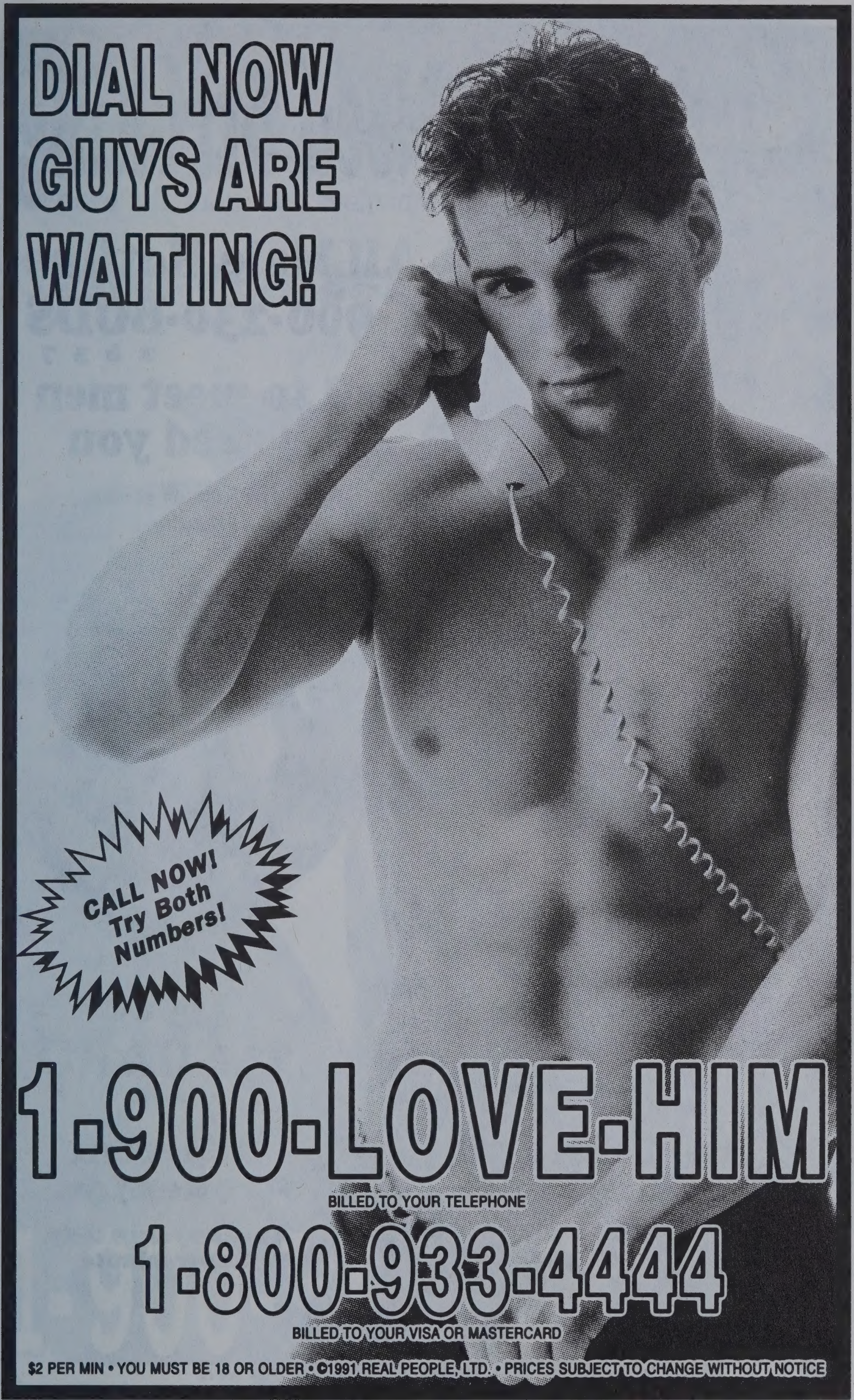

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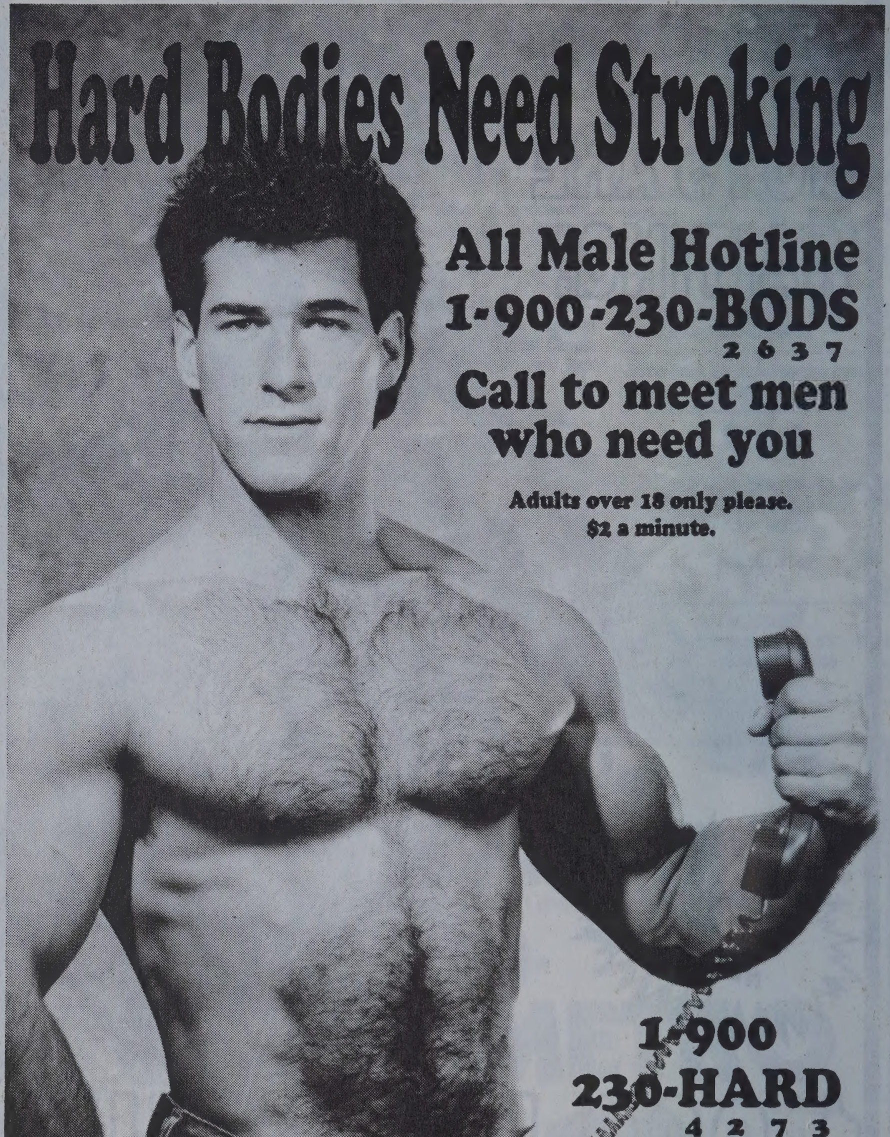

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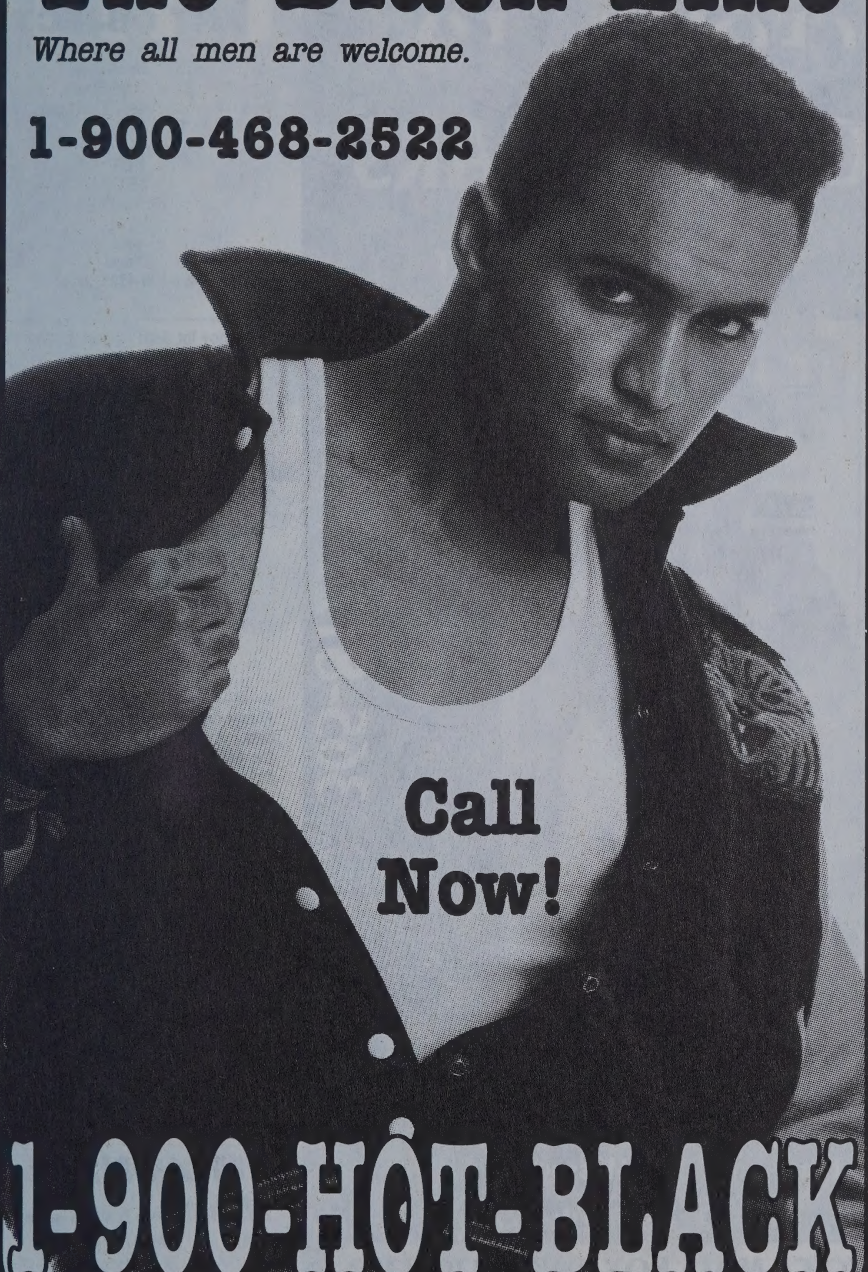

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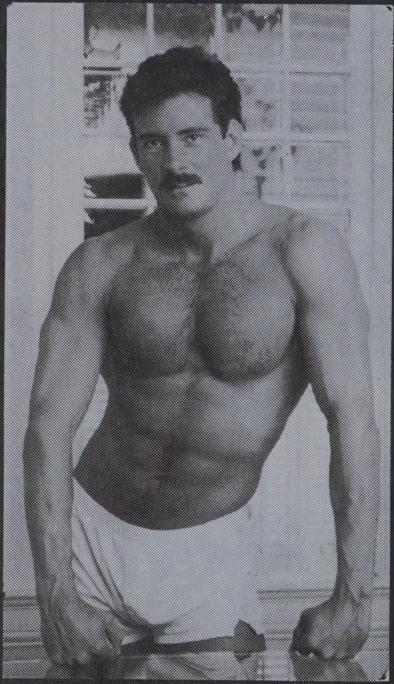

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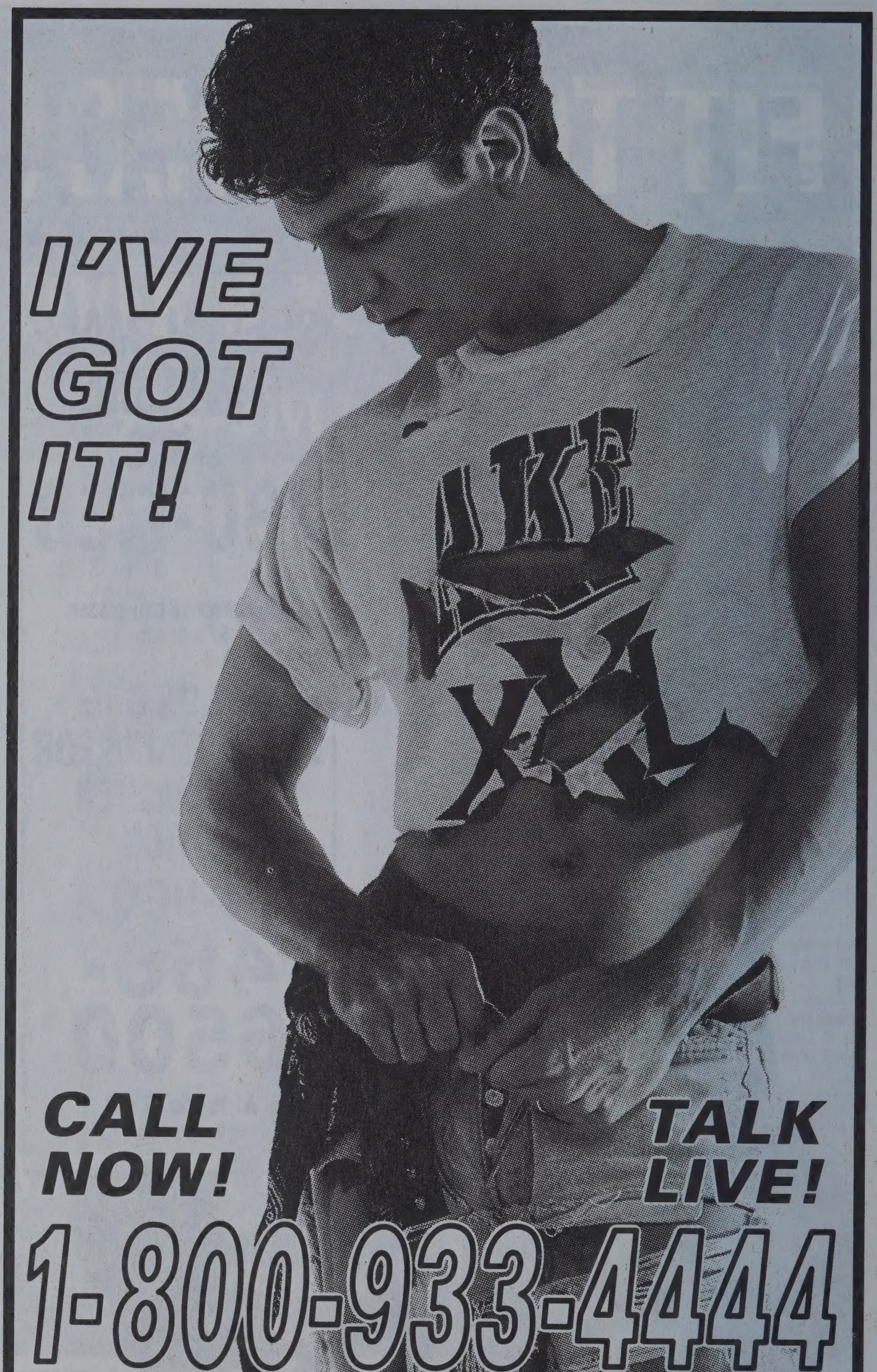
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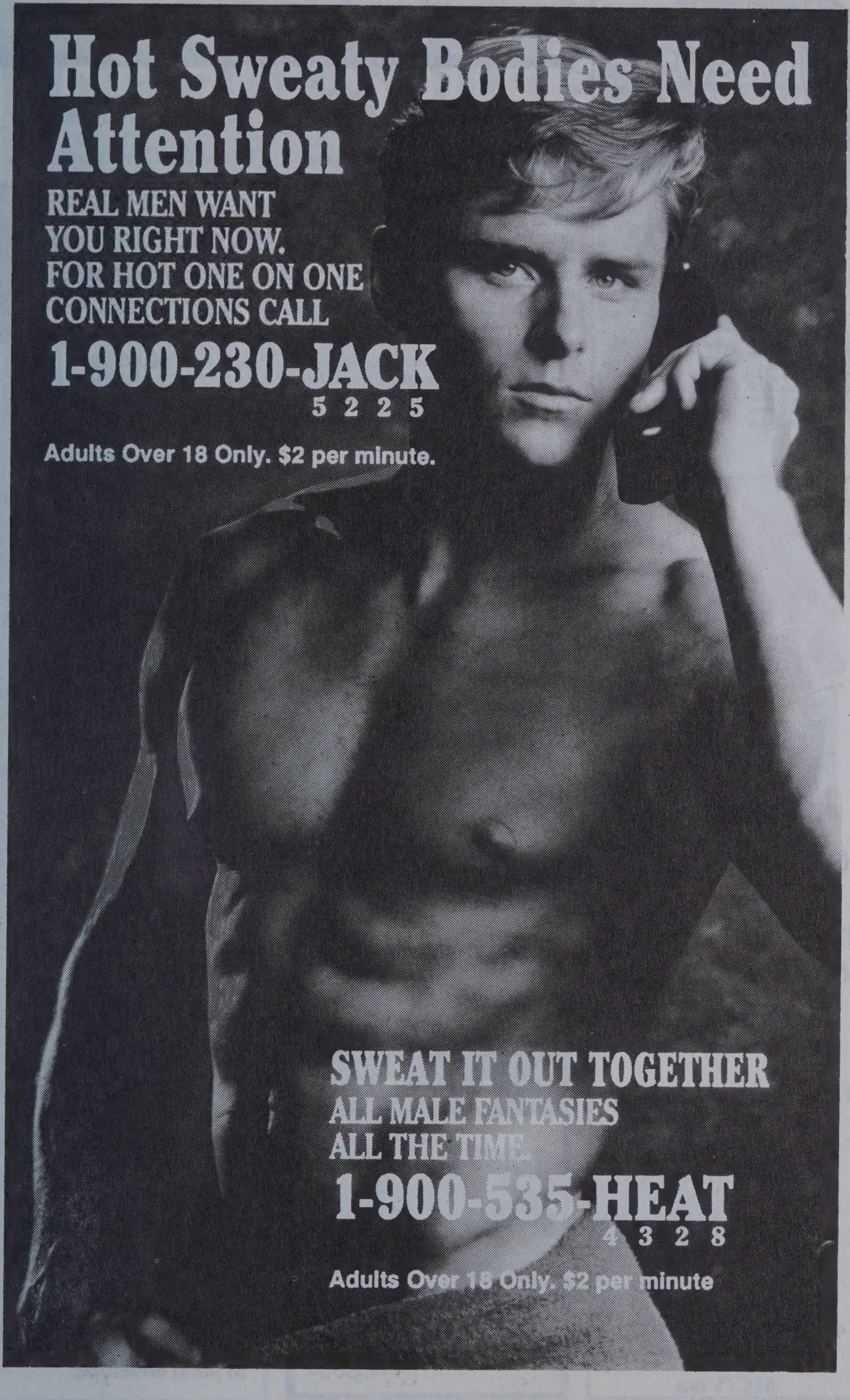
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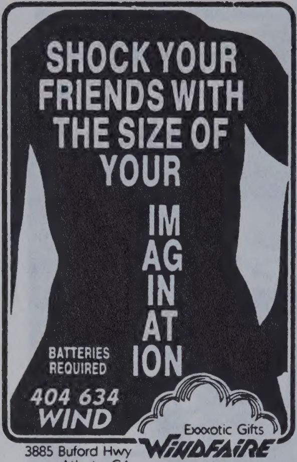
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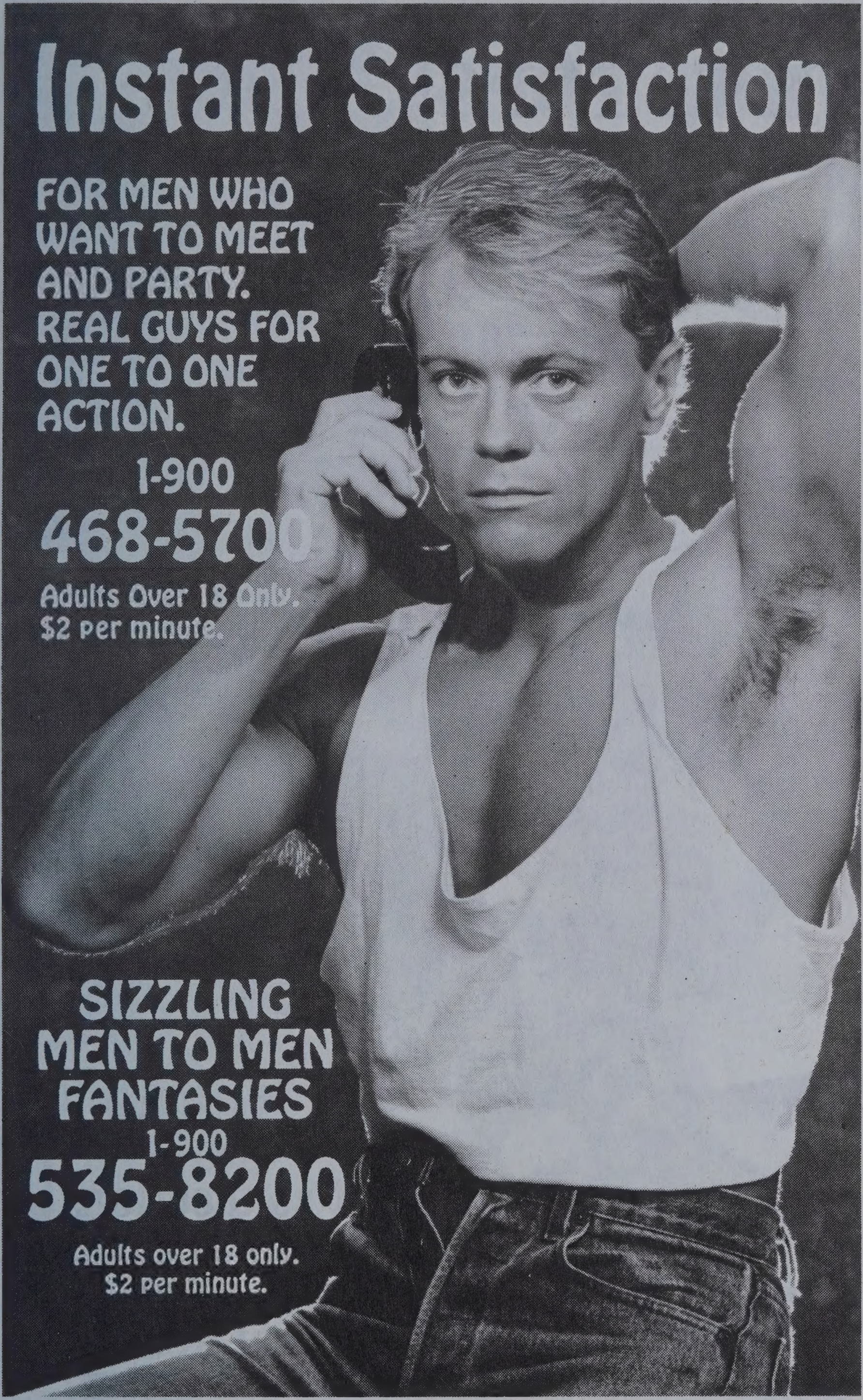
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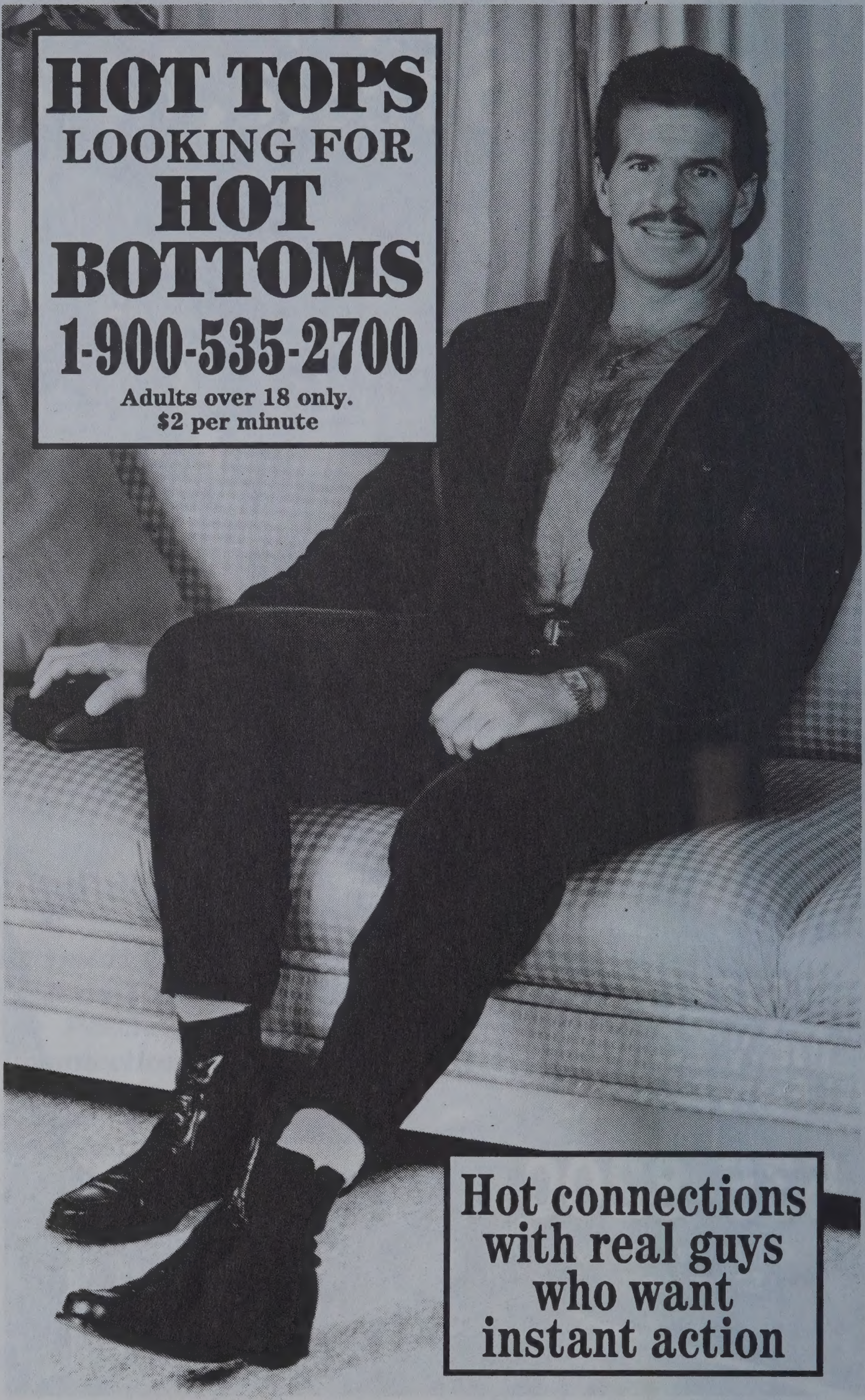

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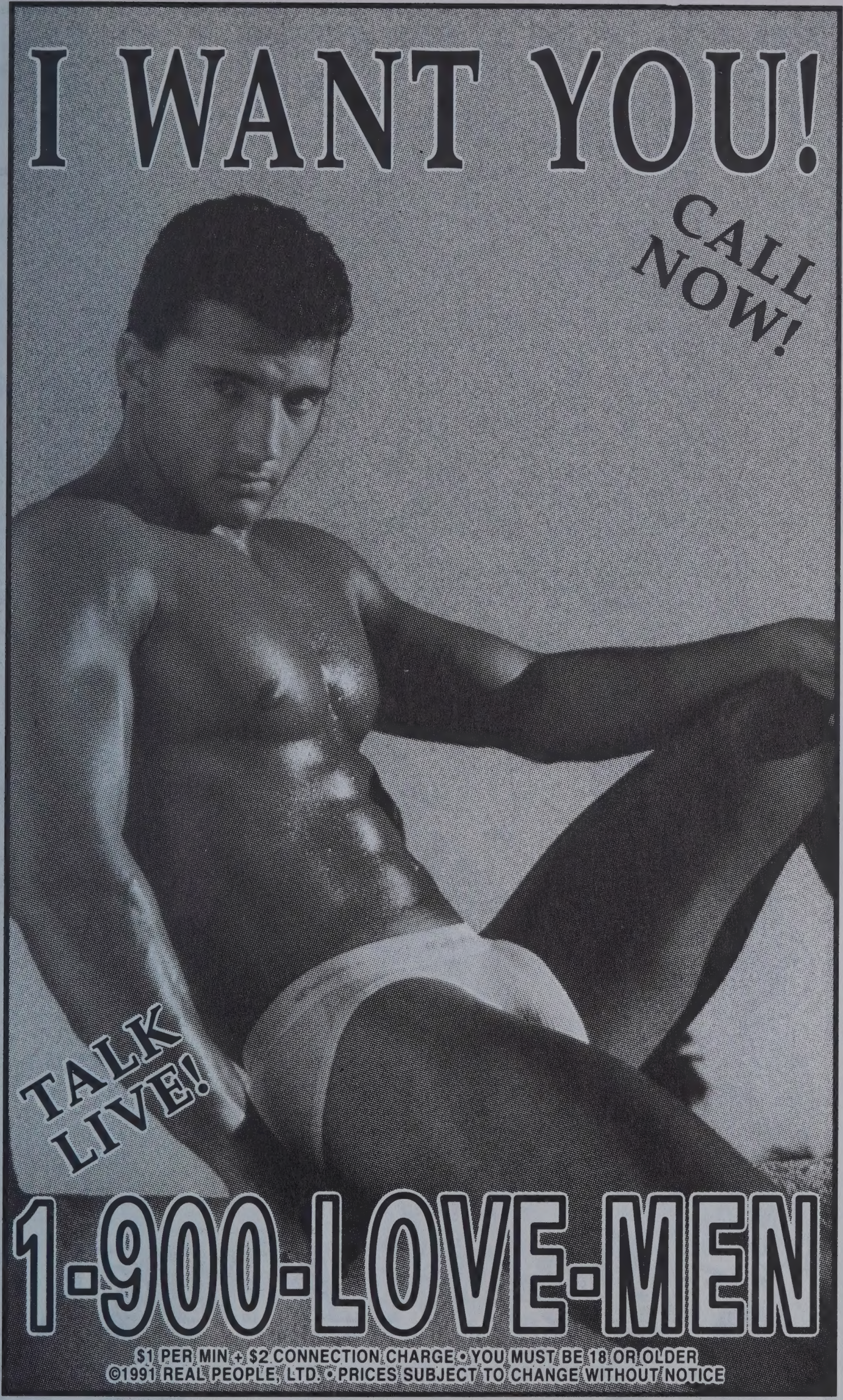
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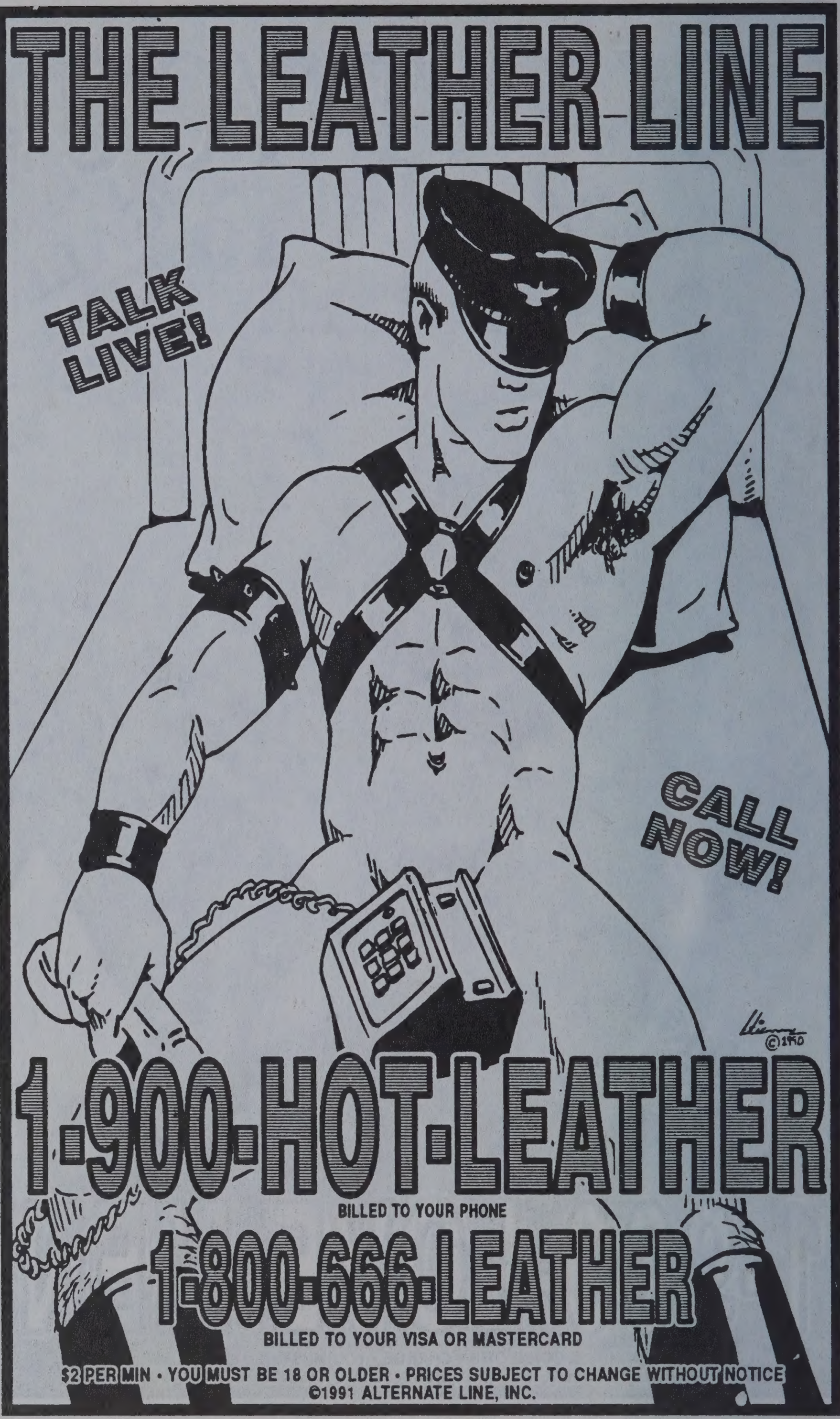
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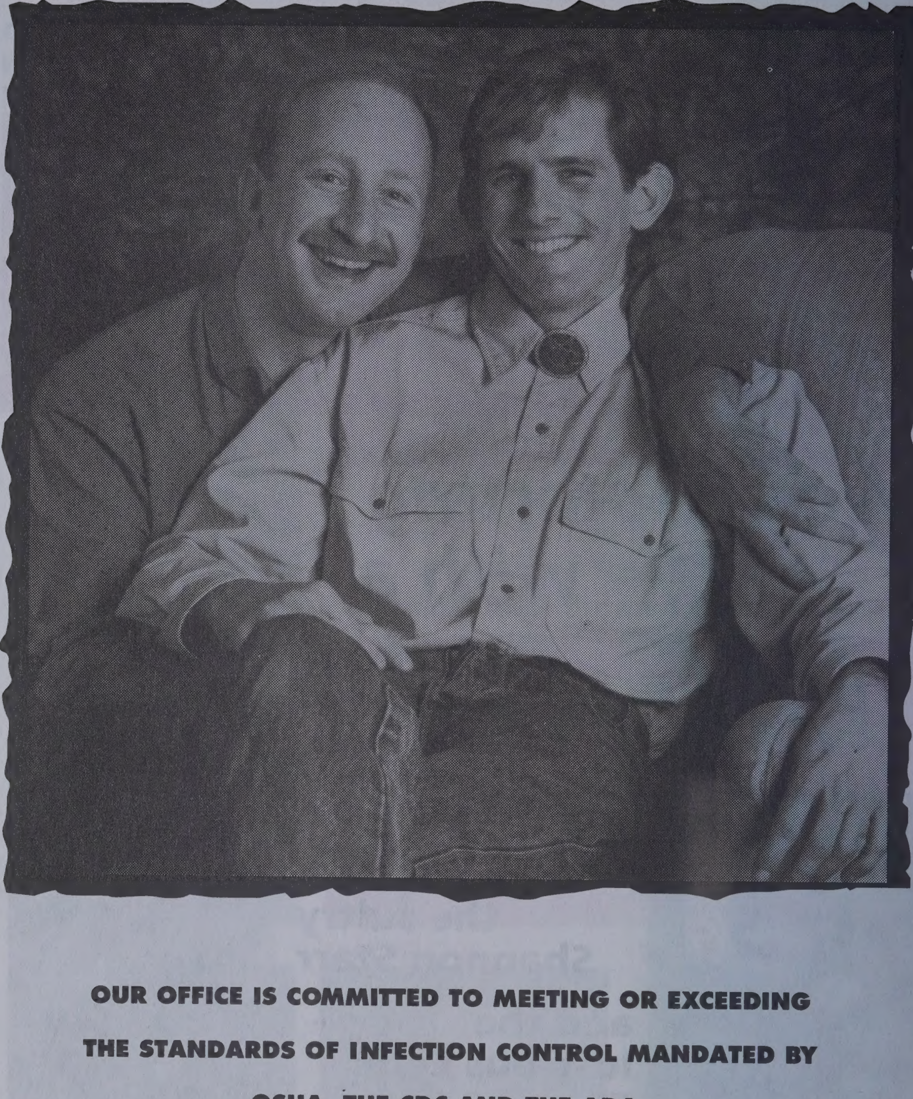

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QUARANTINE PWAs

Editor:

While there may not be a cure for the dreaded disease of AIDS, there is a way to prevent spreading it. What I am referring to is quarantine. Our government should look into the possibility of such measures to insure the disease from spreading at enormous rates.

It is easy to preach about safer forms of sex. But are the men, women, and children of this country practicing it. If people did practice safe sex, people would not get AIDS.

Most persons now living with AIDS got it because they did not play safe. Others got it from blood transfusions and trips to the dentist. For someone to knowingly infect another with a deadly disease is murder.

Isolating the disease would reduce the number of new infections and reduce the number of persons dying in this country. The point is that people are not going to cease having sex. Physicians and dentists are going to continue to practice, and junkies are going to shoot up.

We should have hospitals and sanitariums that are both educated and equipped to handle the large number of AIDS patients in our country. There could be resort type atmospheres especially for AIDS victims.

J.F. Mathis

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Dear ETC:

Early last year Cracker Barrel restaurant chain issued a memo stating the company would not employ people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." To Queer Nation's credit they have been in the vanguard of trying to right this injustice and insult to our community.

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I hope you will join in this extension of the Cracker Barrel action. The potential for effecting change in this way is enormous.

Carl R. Owens

A BAROWNER'S VIEWPOINT

Dear ETC:

Entertainers often do not get the credit they really deserve. As co-owner of a gay nightclub in Valdosta, Georgia, I would like to set the record very clear for the public, as well as other clubs and bar owners. It takes years of dedication and hard work to become a known professional in the art of female impersonation.

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I hope Atlanta and other cities appreciate the wonderful abundance of professional female impersonators they are blessed with, because it is no accident. It comes with perseverance, desire, and never quitting.

As one bar owner I would like to say that I truly appreciate the professionals from Atlanta, and our red carpet is always out for each and every one of you.

Buddy Yeomans (Bryan)
Co-Owner Club Paradise

DON'T FORGET STONEWALL

Dear ETC:

Once again a few gay people have found another way to demean and insult queens, or to be more specific, transpersons. Some gay people sit back and say, "if they hadn't been working the street they wouldn't have been killed."

If a respectable homosexual was killed while in the tree trails or having illicit sex in the kudzu, no one would ever say they deserve it. They would grieve for them, and hold benefits, for which queens and transpersons would donate their time and entertain.

I am sick and tired of hypocritical gay people who classify us as second-rate. Who in the hell do these people think they are?

For those of you who need a quick lesson in gay history, let me point out it was the drag queens (sic) and the swishy queens who rocked the N.Y. finest. We stood out then and we definitely stand out now. Stonewall should never be forgotten.

I hope that the next time you see a transperson or female impersonator you will accept us as people and not as something to be made fun of in the gay community.

Ashley Nicole,
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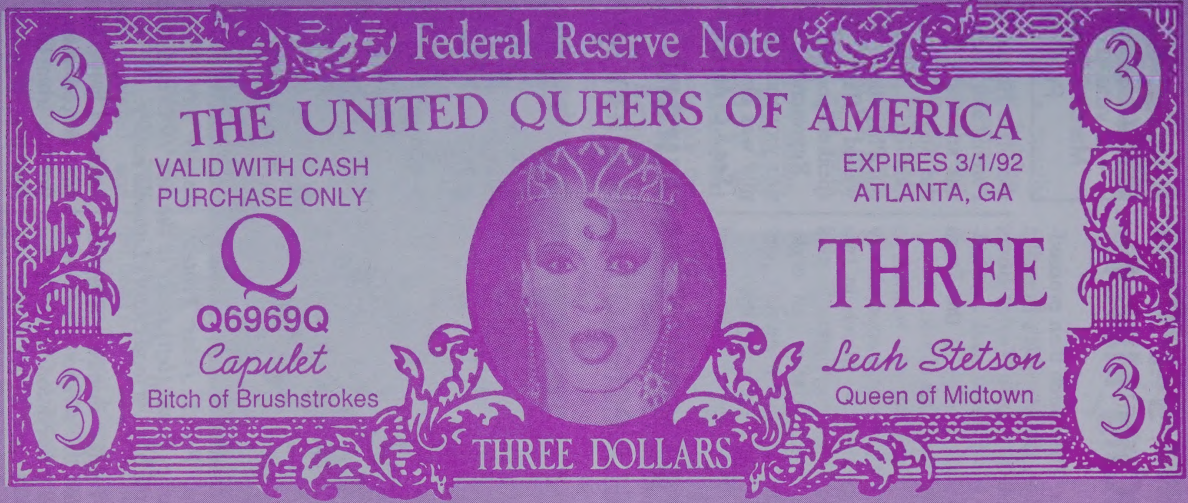

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by Steve Davis

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The march began at 1:00 p.m. at Saxon Homes and Gonzales Gardens in Columbia. The march then proceeded on to Columbia's Benedict College, down Taylor Street to Main Street, and concluded with a rally at the South Carolina State House.

"This year we wanted to take a grassroots approach by beginning the march in two poor housing areas," said Lawrence Marley, an organizer from Columbia's gay and lesbian community.

Once the march reached the State House, members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), and the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement (GLPM) held banners and waved flags behind the speakers podium.

Representing South Carolina's gay and lesbian community was Dr. Jim Spears, au-

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Register to vote by Feb. 3

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Queer Nation sponsors Restaurant Rally

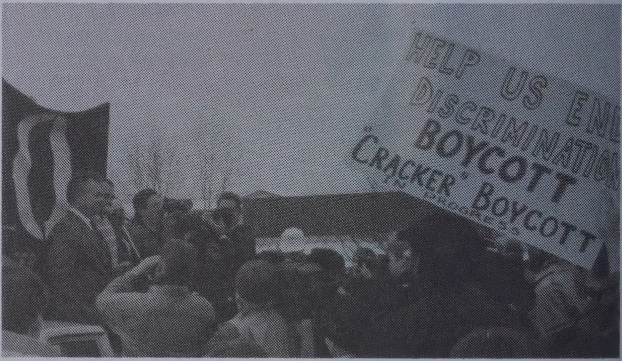
Rep. Frank and other elected officials attend protest

by Jeanne Peters

Atlanta – Queer Nation/Atlanta once again took its anti-discrimination message to the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on Sunday, Jan. 19. Approximately 300 people attended a rally at the Lithonia store of the restaurant chain, despite the snow storm of the previous night.

The group began the day's events with a short march to the front of the store. There a rally, staged to coincide with the celebration of King Week, drew a number of elected and appointed officials, including openly gay Congressperson Barney Frank of Massachusetts.

Frank was in town to participate in the King March the following day. In his statement, Rep. Frank said that he and his lover Herb Moses were present to remind everyone that, "The fight against bigotry and discrimination are national."



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Rep. Frank Joins Protest: Openly gay Congressperson Barney Frank (left) spoke at the Jan. 19 Cracker Barrel Rally at the bigoted food chain's Lithonia eatery.

Frank inspired laughter from the serious crowd with the observation that, "It just takes one rotten cracker to spoil the whole barrel."

Also present as speakers at the rally were Georgia State Representatives Nan Orrock (District 30) and Cynthia McKinney (District 40).

In her remarks, Orrock lauded Cheryl Sommerville, who forced management to fire her from Cracker Barrel last year in protest of their discriminatory policy, as the "Rosa Parks of this movement." Orrock stated, "We are in the front lines of the gay and lesbian liberation movement right here in

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Gay Congressperson leads King March

Lesbian/gay marchers get warm reception from crowd

by Jack Pelham

Atlanta – To a mostly warm response, over 200 lesbian, gay and AIDS activists marched in the Martin Luther King Holiday March, Jan. 20, while openly gay Congressperson Barney Frank (D-Mass.) marched at the head of the procession with other civil-rights leaders.

Frank's lover, Herb Moses, marched with the lesbian/gay contingency placed at the back of the march. Moses and Frank were in town for the King Week Festivities, including a Cracker Barrel Restaurant protest and a party honoring the Congressperson.

Slowly walking hand in hand and shouting "Gay, straight, black, white – same struggle, same fight," marchers paraded through downtown Atlanta and down Auburn Ave. Unlike years past, the AIDS/lesbian/gay marchers encountered very little hostility from the crowd watching but instead were greeted with nods and signs of approval.

At one point, a lone homophobic protester stood in the crowd with two placards proclaiming homosexuality a sin. When the group went past him, fingers pointed and shouts of "shame" rang out from the lesbian and gay marchers. Many of the spectators joined in and jeered at the protestor.

PHOTO: BS:GM

***King March '92:** (above) Shouting "Hey, hey, ho, ho – homophobia's got to go," over 200 lesbians, gay men and AIDS activists paraded through the streets of Atlanta as participants in the 1992 King Holiday March, Jan. 20. (right) Gay Congressperson Braney Frank (D-Mass.) marched with the dignitaries at the front of procession and spoke at the rally which followed.*

PHOTO: BS/GM

Rep. Frank marched with other dignitaries who were cordoned off from spectators by ropes and arm locked volunteers. This was the first time an openly gay or lesbian person had been included in the group of King March marshals.

Ironically, dignitaries at the head of the march included March Grand Marshal and anti-apartheid activist Winnie Mandela, who is appealing a conviction for participating in the beatings of four South African youths one of whom died. The youths allege that Mandela beat them with a plastic whip because she thought they were gay and having sex with a Methodist preacher.

Cheers erupted when Rep. Frank, who was one of the first speakers at the rally in front of the King Center following the march, announced he was in Atlanta to celebrate King Week with his lesbian sisters and gay brothers.

Frank said in his speech that his participation in the King March was important because the lesbian and gay community is fighting the same type of stereotyping that blacks have had.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

A company here is awaiting Food and Drug Administration approval for a device that can test blood samples for HIV antibodies in just several minutes. Several labs across the country are reportedly testing the machine.

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AID Atlanta recently distributed $253,392.96 to eight local AIDS agencies as part of the proceeds of the AIDS walk-a-thon, From All Walks of Life. Oct. 4 has been set for the 1992 AIDS Walk.

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thor and professor of education at the University of South Carolina, who very adamantly tied together the struggle of all minorities in his speech. Spears spoke of the roots of oppression, hate, fear, ignorance and indifference. He cited those in power of manipulating and sustaining indifference.

The surprise of the afternoon came when unscheduled speaker, presidential candidate Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), came to the podium.

Harkin spoke out in favor of including sexual orientation in civil rights legislation and lashed out at the AIDS policies of the Bush and Reagan administrations.

Ten out of the 63 organizations endorsing the march were from the North Carolina and South Carolina gay and lesbian communities.

"All in all, I think this event was a breakthrough for Columbia social activists in recognizing the commonality of all these diverse agendas ... and the exciting power inherent in their cooperation," said Marley.

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Party Raises $3,000: A $25 a ticket fundraiser for the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee raised $3,000 at Petrus Sunday night, Jan. 19. The party honored gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and drew local politicians including Atlanta City Council Members Mary Davis, Debby McCarty, Barbara Asher and Myrtle Davis, Georgia State Representatives Nan Orrock, Doug Teper and Jim Martin, Georgia State Sen. Steve Henson and DeKalb County Commissioner Jackie Scott.

Georgia."

She also pledged to stand with the gay and lesbian community in this struggle, through the continued support of legislation calling for an end to hate crimes and the repeal of the state's sodomy law.

In a call for the exercise of voting booth strength, Rep. Cynthia McKinney urged the assembled activists to "Take advantage of reapportionment. Draw gay districts. Elect gay people to office."

DeKalb Commissioner Jackie Scott, who last year was asked to leave and never return to the Lithonia Cracker Barrel store, also attended the rally.

A letter of support for the fight was sent by the Reverend Jesse Jackson on behalf of the Rainbow Coalition was read by Joan Garner, Senior Advisor to Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

Jenny Montez, National Secretary of the National Organization of Women (NOW), addressed the crowd in place of NOW President Patricia Ireland, who was invited to to appear. Also ab-

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A Gay Youth Suicide Prevention Bill died in the Massachusetts Senate Dec. 30, the last day of the legislative session. The bill, which passed the House, would have created a gay and lesbian advisory board within the Office of Human Services to develop programs to support gay/lesbian adolescents.

PHOTO: JP

Protest: Rep. Barney Frank (left) and his lover Herb Moses at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel Rally.

CRACKER BARREL

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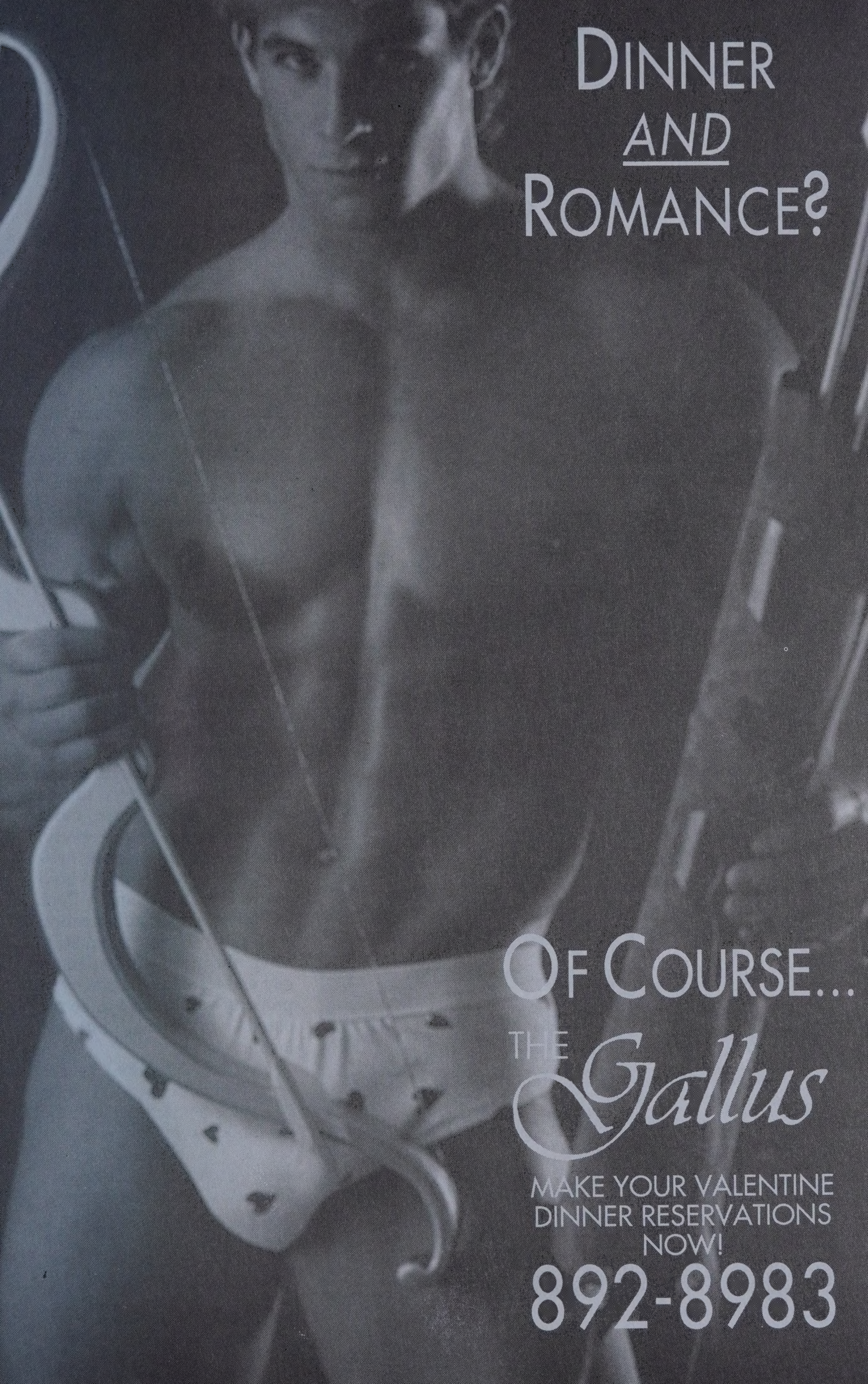
sent were scheduled speakers U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.).

The rally was held in the street in front of the restaurant, making access to the restaurant difficult. Although the store's parking lot was about half-empty, store management attributed the small crowd to the inclement weather. Stacy Conyers, district manager of the Cracker Barrel gift shops, said, "This had no impact upon our business today."

The demonstration marked the eleventh month of protest against Cracker Barrel, which adopted a policy in February of last year blocking the employment of lesbians and gay men.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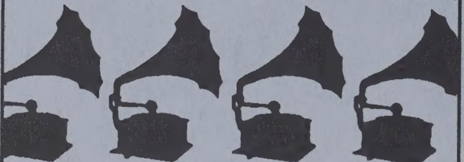

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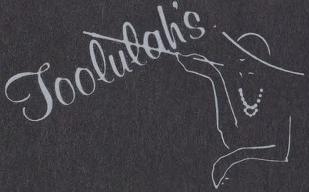

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First MCC celebrates 20 years

by Keith Weidenbach

Atlanta – The First Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Atlanta marked its 20th anniversary of Christian spiritual guidance to the city's gay and lesbian community with a three-day celebration, January 17-19.

Church members and guests enjoyed an evening of Broadway tunes presented by the church choir, a Saturday evening banquet at the Lanier Plaza Hotel, and Sunday services with First MCC founder, Reverend John Gill of Houston.

First MCC of Atlanta and its 131 members currently meet at the former location of the old Highland Theater (800 North Highland Avenue).

Although the church has enjoyed a healthy existence at the present location, Senior Pastor Reid Christensen and church members hope to one day move to a larger, more appropriate church property. Christensen envisions a two-story property that could both house First MCC and a floor of fellowship and meeting rooms. But, to adequately serve the needs of Atlanta's gay and lesbian community, a property would have to be secured in an "intown" location.

First MCC has had its eye on a Ponce de Leon Avenue space for some time, but the $700,000 asking price is presenting a problem. According to Christensen, banks are reluctant to make real estate loans to churches, let alone a church that ministers to the gay and lesbian community.

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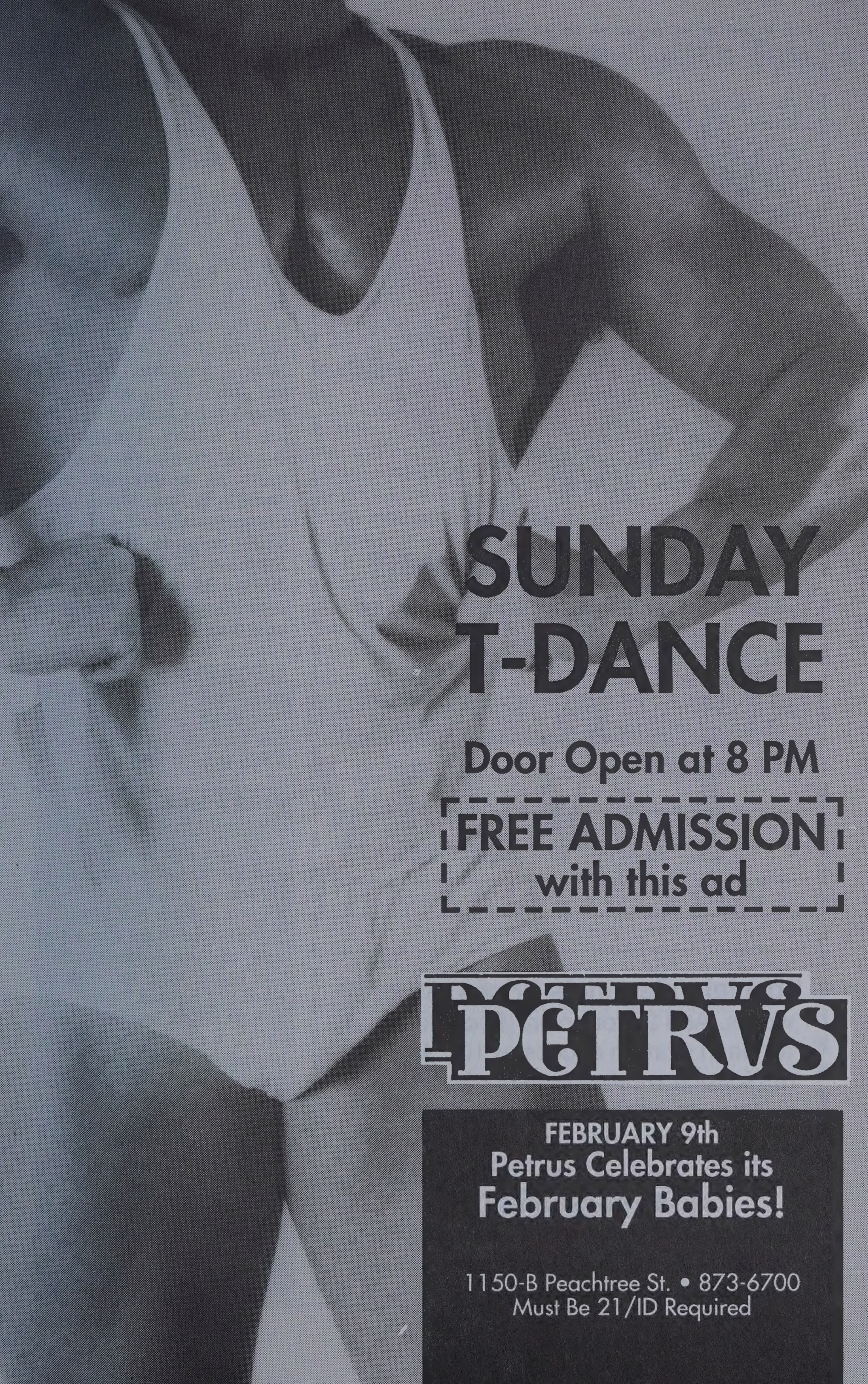

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After seeing a rerun of "The Joan Rivers Show" featuring model/author/transsexual Caroline "Tula" Cossey during which Rivers makes fun of the mayor for retracting his proclamation making Tula an honorary citizen, Mayor Maynard Jackson is demanding that Tula return the framed proclamation document, posthaste. No word yet from Tula, who is rumored to be thinking of moving to Atlanta. The question is, why would she want to move to a city not busy enough to find time to hate transsexuals? Call (404-330-6100) or write (68 Mitchell St.; Suite 2400; Atlanta, GA 30335) Mayor Jackson and urge him to rethink his views on transsexuals.

GEORGIA

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FIRST MCC

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He hopes that one day community organizations and the church can come together to acquire a larger building.

"We need to get along anyway, and we need a community center that can work for all of us," he said.

First MCC and All Saints MCC, a church that had its beginnings with First MCC, work closely with the AIDS Interfaith Network, which provides spiritual guidance to persons in the community affected by HIV disease. Other area churches also are involved with AIDS Interfaith and this creates an avenue for a strong relationship between MCCs and mainstream churches.

N.J. Gov. enacts gay/lesbian-rights law

by Rex Wockner

Trenton, N.J. – New Jersey became the fifth U.S. state to protect the civil rights of gay men and lesbians Jan. 19 when Gov. Jim Florio signed a measure outlawing discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation" in the areas of housing, jobs, credit and public accommodations.

Florio said one's personal life should not determine whether he or she is hired or accepted as a tenant. The bill passed the Assembly 46-7 and the Senate 21-0.

Spokespersons for the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition said there was minimal opposition from conservatives and fundamentalist Christians because the lobbying effort was conducted entirely behind-the-scenes.

"This was not a throw-blood-on-the-Capitol effort," said Coalition President Laura Pople. "We encouraged the [gay/lesbian] organizations we have any control over to keep it quiet. When press called asking questions, we refused any kind of interview.

After the news broke that the legislature passed the measure, 2,150 supporters and 2,509 opponents phoned the governor's office, according to a spokesman.

"We generated those 2,000 [supportive] calls in a day and a half."

"We generated those 2,000 [supportive] calls in a day and a half," said Pople.

Churches and affiliated institutions are exempt from the law. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against based on their sexuality can file suit in civil court or file a complaint with the state Division of Civil Rights.

Asked how New Jersey managed to enact a gay-rights law when states with more pro-gay reputations, such as California and Illinois, have failed, Pople explained: "We're a quiet hotbed [of gay/lesbian activism]. In the past year we've banned anti-gay discrimination in state employment, protected gay and lesbian couples with a domestic-violence law, passed a hate-crimes law that increases penalties for crimes with an anti-gay component, and Gov. Florio proclaimed June gay-pride month."

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Mel Gibson refuses to apologize

by Rex Wockner

New York City – Actor Mel Gibson, speaking Jan. 21 on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," refused to apologize to gay men, whom he ridiculed late last year in an interview with the Sunday magazine of Spain's largest newspaper, *El País* (ETC V. 8, #2).

"I don't think there's an apology necessary, and I'm certainly not giving one," Gibson said. "[Those remarks were a response] to a direct question. If someone wants my opinion, I'll give it. What, am I supposed to lie to them?

"The other thing is, it was translated from English to Spanish, back from Spanish to English, then used by [columnist] Liz Smith [who received the story from this reporter] out of context in her article," Gibson said. "It's old news, really *old* news."

The Spanish-to-English translation was done by this reporter, who speaks Spanish, and by a professional translator who emigrated from Cuba.

> **“Gay fans of Mel Gibson need to throw away their ‘Mad Max’ tapes and stop going to his movies....”**

The "Good Morning America" interviewer pressed Gibson, "Are you saying to me that you did not make any anti-gay statements at all?"

Gibson responded: "I didn't lie. Put it that way.... Liz Smith seems to be violating my right to have an opinion. I have a right to an opinion."

Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was livid at Gibson's new statements. "And I have a right to respond to Mel Gibson's anti-gay defamation," Bray said. "He can kiss my queer ass. He can't defame gays and then try to wiggle out of it by blaming the translation. And he's not even denying he made the statements. He's saying he has a right to his opinion.

"Gay fans of Mel Gibson need to throw away their 'Mad Max' tapes and stop going to his movies until he stops defaming gay people," Bray said.

In the original interview, in the Dec. 1 issue of the *El País* Sunday magazine, Gibson was directly asked his opinion of homosexuals. He

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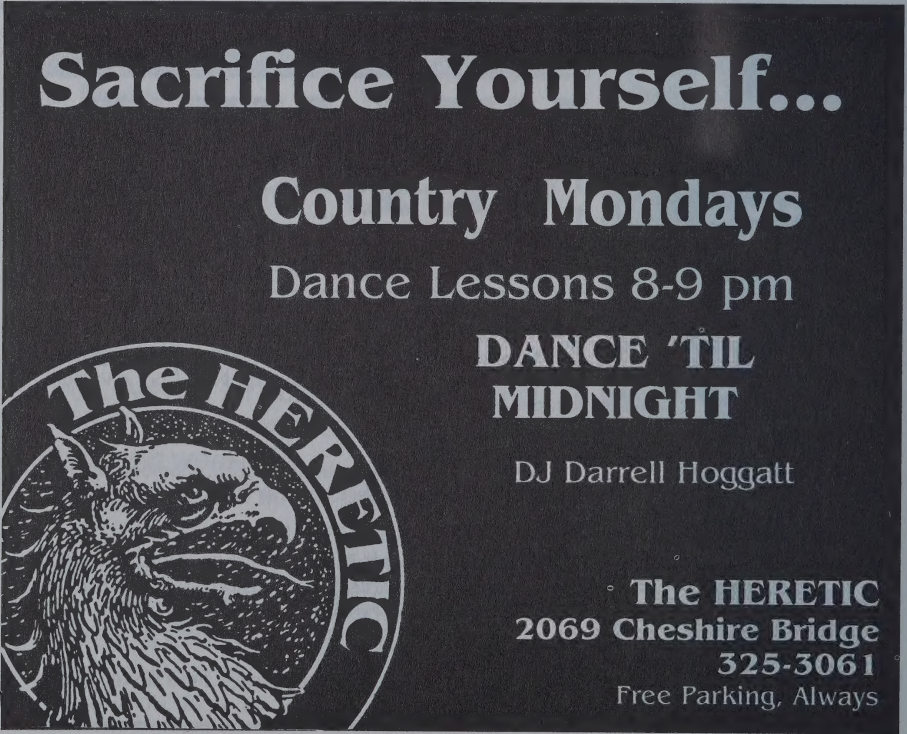

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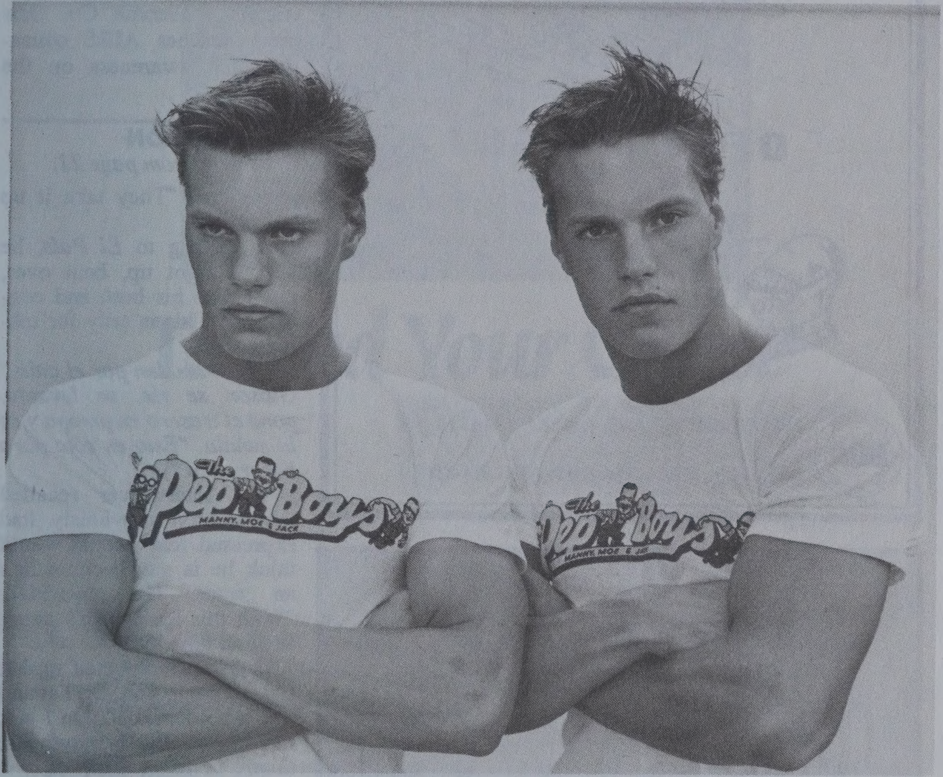

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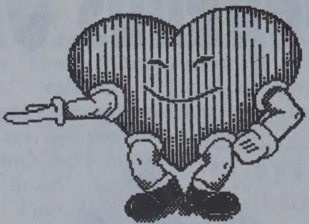

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Outreach, Inc., an Atlanta based AIDS prevention and service agency, received a $47,050 grant from Burroughs Wellcome Co. Outreach teaches AIDS education and awareness on the street.

MEL GIBSON

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responded, "They take it up the ass."

According to *El País*, he laughed, got up, bent over, pointed to his butt, and continued, "This is only for taking a shit."

(*"Que les den por el culo." Gibson se ríe, se levanta, pone el trasero en pompa y se lo señala. "Esto es sólo para hacer caca."*)

The interviewer recalled that Gibson previously had expressed fear people would think he is gay because he's an actor. He responded: "With this look, who's going to think I'm gay?

"I don't lend myself to that type of confusion. Do I sound like a homosexual? Do I talk like them? Do I move like them?"

(*¿Quién va a pensar que con esta pinta soy gay? Yo no me presto a ese tipo de confusiones. ¿Sueno como un homosexual? ¿Hablo como ellos? ¿Me muevo como ellos?*)

Gibson also told *El País* that he quit the Catholic Church because it has become too liberal and that, "God is the only one who knows how many children we should have, and we should be ready to accept that."

(*"Dios es el único que sabe cuántos hijos debemos tener y debemos estar dispuestos a que vengan."*)

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THE STARS

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* New partnerships formed have successful vibes. Allow another to do some leading on the 31st, 3rd and 4th. On the 1st and 2nd, domestic chaos is typical. All roads of responsibility lead to you on the 5th. Learn to delegate. After the 6th, stop testing friendships. They are wearing thin.

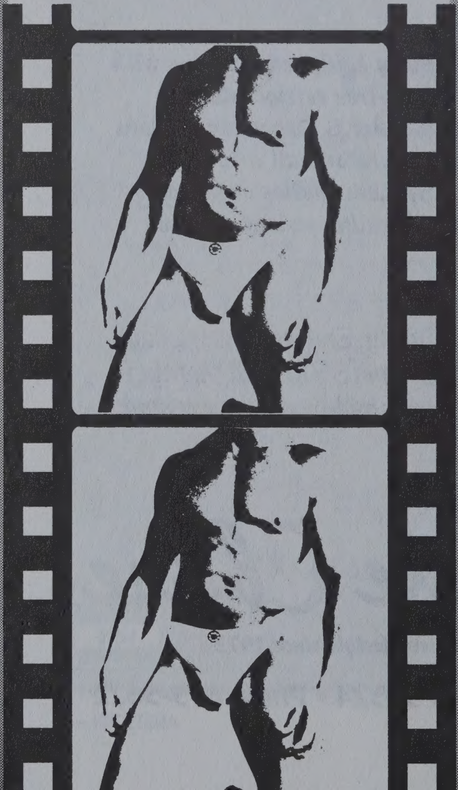
PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* Much business success can be yours right now. Widening circle of friends enhances ambition on the 31st, 1st and 6th. On the 2nd, loved ones pull you back to an emotional reality. News obtained on the 3rd is disturbing but has been expected. Family and friends provide domestic serenity on the 4th and 5th. Travel may be postponed temporarily. Business still thrives beautifully.

ARIES *(March 21 – Apr. 19)* Honors through children and creativity may surprise you this week. On the 31st, 1st and 6th, launch new business plans with ease. Surpassing goals on the 2nd are due to influential friends. Support system is excellent again on the 3rd, but this time, your heart needs a lift. Domestic issues challenge partnership issues on the 4th. Lock horns with your honey. On the 5th, travel offers a well needed escape.

TAURUS *(Apr. 20 – May 20)* Blessings are wrapped up in legal and educational fields this week. Energy is best spent on preparing for future career move. On the 31st, 5th and 6th, who you know makes the difference. Romantic entanglement looks dubious on the 1st. On the 2nd, domestic boat looks rocky as well. Enjoy the 3rd and use it to patch up damaged feelings. On the 4th, sad news about a good friend is unavoidable.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Busy financial world keeps you dancing down many paths this week. On the 31st, 1st and 5th, money comes through charm and wit. On the 2nd and 6th, money comes through knowing when to keep your mouth shut. News travels too fast again on the 3rd. Romantic secrets are revealed. Domestic storms on the 4th have been long overdue.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Reaching to your partners for emotional support can be in vain right now. Schedules conflict and minds collide. You try anyway and that is commendable.



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Good luck.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Partnership difficulties continue. Getting what you want appears impossible. Grin and bear it. Some may feel very alone on the 31st, 5th and 6th. Job stresses fill the 1st and 4th. On the 2nd, new romances turn your head. This is good!! On the 3rd, financial matters are linked to distance: Relocation may be suggested.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* Falling in love should be easier than usual. You're in the mood. On the 31st, 1st and 6th, great love matches provide the essential factor. Nice guys finish first on the 2nd. Family, friends and business associates go the extra mile. On the 3rd, communication equals bigger profit. Enhanced domestic surroundings come in the form of gifts on both the 4th and 5th.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* You move into a better romantic space now. Live and let live is more your philosophy. On the 31st, 1st and 6th, enjoy watching loved one's faults from an emotional distance. On the 2nd and 3rd, domestic interests consume all thoughts and energy. Changes are promised. Career efforts are noticed on the 4th and rewarded on the 5th.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Changes occur in domestic arena. Some may relocate entirely. On the 31st, 5th and 6th, enjoy excellent relations with all. Business ideas are well received on the 1st. Family and friends lend helping hands on the 2nd and 4th. On the 3rd, romantic suitors are unsuitable. Wake up. Better is just a little further ahead. Don't jump the gun.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* Money aspects look very good. Get out and make some hay all week. On the 31st, 1st and 6th, real estate issues are favored. On the 2nd and 3rd, even romantic matches look profitable. Enjoy career doors that open on the 4th that have previously been closed. Sail away on the 5th... mentally or physically??

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Financial obligations grow. Reorganize and truly amaze onlookers. You win against some intense odds. Congratulations.

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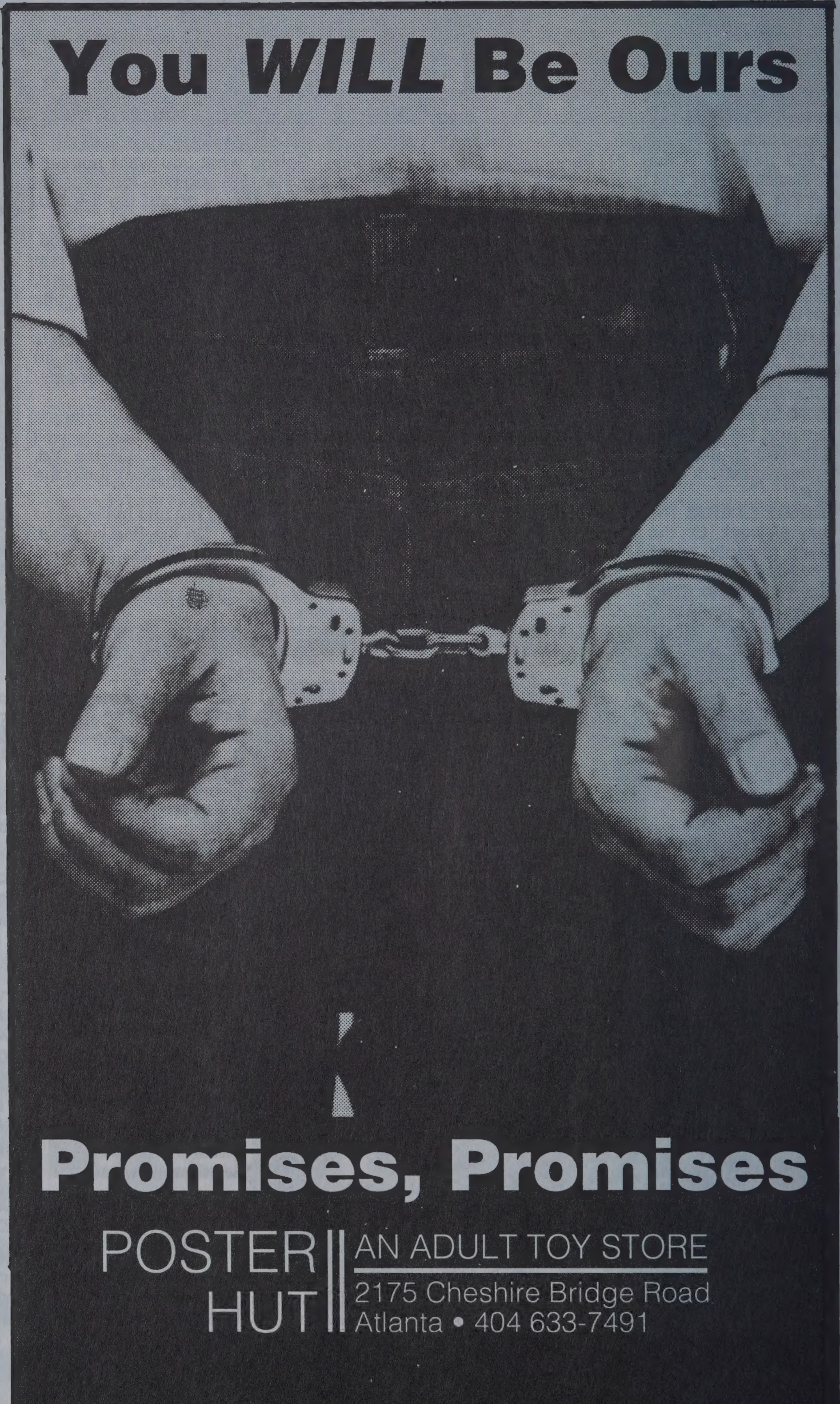
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VALENTINE'S DAY BRINGS HEARTS & FLYERS

by Steve Warren

Advance word suggests all the screen lovers this Valentine's day will be heterosexual. What else is new? The trailer for *Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot* shows a would-be suicide wearing what appears to be a pink triangle but is actually shaped more like an arrowhead.

February also brings the long-delayed *Radio Flyer* and the oft-postponed *Love Potion #9*. The latter is one of two new films based on Lieber-Stoller song titles (the other is *Poison Ivy*). Some cities will also see the "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner*. Fans of the film say this version's better, but if you didn't like it before, the restoration won't help.

Oscar nominations will be announced February 19, which could lead to a theatrical re-release of *The Silence of the Lambs*, if it does as well as expected and if Orion Pictures is still in business. Many of the other nominees should still be in their first-run engagements, as most of the best pictures didn't open until year-end.

As usual, this list is a rough guideline.

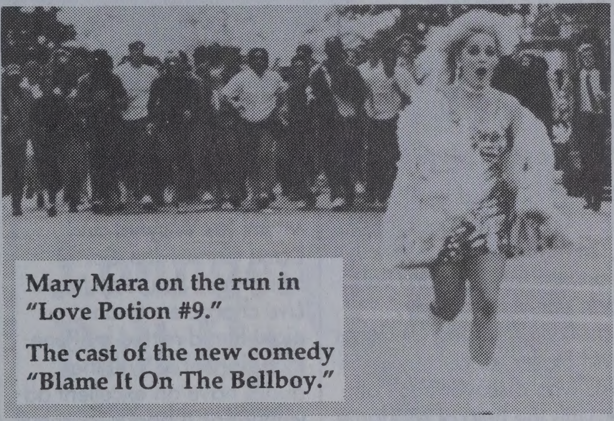
February 7:

Back in the U.S.S.R. – Vacationing American student Frank Whaley finds love with Natalya Negoda (*Little Vera*) during an adventure in Moscow, where he's accused of murder and theft. It may not all be as out-of-date as the title.

Medicine Man – Sean Connery seeks a cancer cure in the Amazon rain forest under pressure from pharmaceutical flunky Lorraine Bracco, in a drama directed by John McTiernan.

February 14:

The Final Analysis – Psychiatrist Richard Gere gets involved with a patient's sister (Kim Basinger as the Princess of Tides?) in what's described as an "erotic



Mary Mara on the run in "Love Potion #9."

The cast of the new comedy "Blame It On The Bellboy."

"Stop or My Mom Will Shoot" with Sylvester Stallone and Estelle Getty.

thriller" directed by Phil Joanou. Eric Roberts co-stars.

Love Potion #9 – Tate Donovan and Sandra Bullock star in a comedy, based on the song by Lieber and Stoller, about shy scientists who discover each other with the help of Madame Ruth's aphrodisiac. Dale Launer, author of *Business People*, wrote and directed.

Mississippi Masala – Indian director Mira Nail (*Salaam Bombay!*) creates a culture clash in America, as Denzel Washington and Sarita Choudhury fall in love against her parent's wishes.

Radio Flyer – Abused by their stepfather, Elijah Wood (*Paradise*) and Joey Mazzello escape into fantasies, in a film directed by Richard Donner and co-starring Lorraine Bracco.

Wayne's World – Mike Myers (as Wayne) and Dana Carvey (as Garth) bring their *Saturday Night Live* characters to an any-night film directed by Penelope Spheeris. Will the dudes have an excellent adventure or a bogus journey?

Blame It on the Bellboy – What could be a simpler idea for a farce than three men in the wrong hotel rooms? Dudley Moore, Bryan Brown and Richard Griffiths are the men – one in politics, one in real estate and one in murder. (Guess which is which?) Patsy Kensit co-stars.

February Undated:

The Cutting Edge – Paul Michael Glaser directs D.B. Sweeney and Moira Kelly as blade runners in a drama about ice skating.

Hear My Song – To save his own career, concert promoter Adrian Dunbar has to coax legendary tenor and longtime tax exile Ned Beatty out of retirement in rural Ireland, in Peter Chelsom's whimsical comedy.

The Lunatic – Everyone in his Jamaican village thinks Paul Campbell is crazy, but German tourist Julie T. Wallace sees him as a sex object, in a comedy that's the first feature directed by Lol Creme of 10 cc.

Poison Ivy – Drew Barrymore plays a mysterious young seductress who sets out to destroy the family of Tom Skerritt, her classmate's father, in what's touted as "a *Lolita* for the '90s."

Stop! or My Mom Will Shoot – Sylvester Stallone needs another mother like he needs another comedy role (after *Rhinestones* and *Oscar*), but he gets both in this new twist on the police buddy movie (a cop and his mother!) directed by Robert Spottiswoode and co-starring Estelle Getty and JoBeth Williams. (Guess which one plays Mom?)

This Is My Life – When two sisters, Nora (who also directed) and Delia Ephron, co-write a script about two sisters (Samantha Mathis, Gaby Hoffman) neglected by their TV-comic mother (Julie Kavner), you can expect some autobiography, even if it's from a novel by Meg Wolitzer. ▼

Julie Kavner stars in "This Is My Life."

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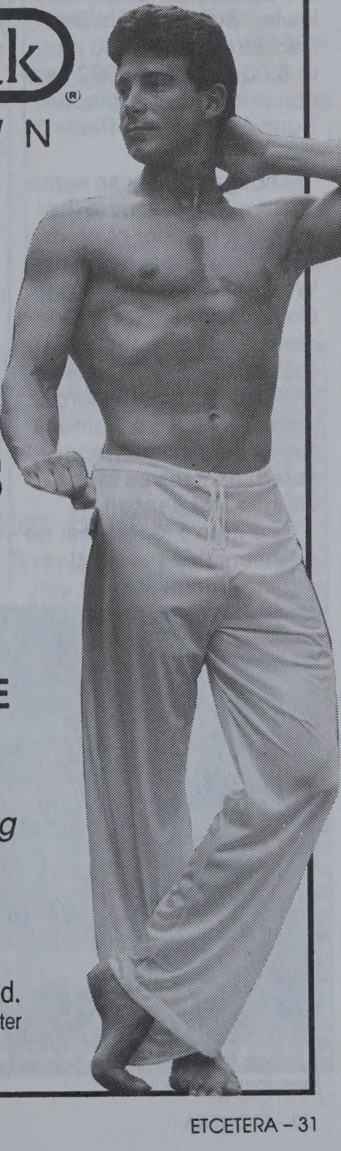

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HSL Prepares For '92 Season

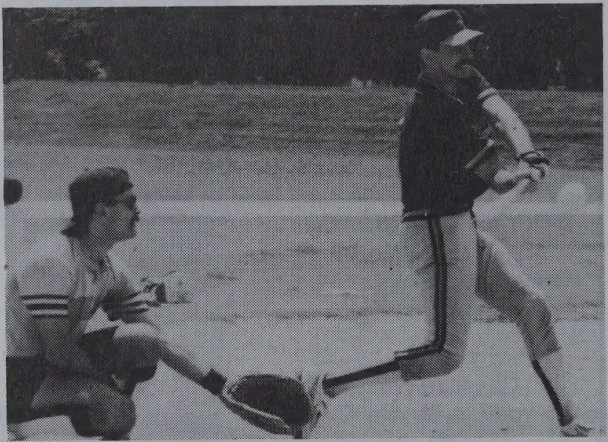
The Hotlanta Softball League (HSL) will hold its first coaches and managers meeting to plan for the 1992 season on Feb. 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Armory. Team sign-ups for HSL are scheduled for the following Sunday, Feb. 9 at Backstreet from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 1992 season is scheduled to open Sunday, April 5 at Piedmont Park.

Though there was some concern by HSL over the loss of a number of prominent team sponsors in the Women's Division, veteran Commissioner Robin Grindle feels secure that the teams that are not able to find sponsors can sponsor themselves. Two women's teams successfully sponsored themselves in the League last season.

The men's teams lost no sponsors this year and returning Commissioner Jim Marks expects as many as 12 teams in the Open and Recreational Divisions.

With North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) going to an A, B and C Division format for the World Series this year, HSL is free to explore several options for the men's teams in 1992. Regardless of how Hotlanta chooses to divide its men's divisions this year, the League will be able to send three men's teams to the World Series in the competitive, semi-competitive and recreational A, B and C Divisions.

Players interested in finding teams for the 1992 Hotlanta Softball season are encouraged to attend the February meetings. As teams solidify plans for the new season, openings should be available for a variety of skill levels.



BATTER UP: The Hotlanta Softball League will open its 1992 season in Piedmont Park April 5.

ATTA & AWST Open '92 Tennis Season

The Atlanta Team Tennis Association (ATTA) will begin its 1992 season of open play at Glenlake Tennis Center on Saturday, Feb. 8. The season will run every Saturday through November. Atlanta Women's Social Tennis (AWST) is also planning their 1992 season.

Both ATTA and AWST are currently involved in team tennis format competition sponsored by Ultra Slimfast every Sunday at Eastlake Indoor Tennis Center. Subs for team tennis play are needed at all levels. Both organizations are sponsoring teams in the spring Atlanta League Tennis Association season which opens March 15. Plans are being made for the 1992 Peach Tournament Easter weekend which will include its first Women's Division.

For more information contact ATTA at 404-621-2699 and AWST at 404-662-GAME.

HVA Opens In February

The Hotlanta Volleyball Association (HVA) returns to Mercer University on Feb. 7 for three weeks of clinics and open play. Draft play will be held on Feb. 21 and 28 with league competition opening on March 13. The season runs through June 5.

The six HVA teams participating in the New Orleans Mardi Gras Classic last weekend did very well. The Radical Faeries of Atlanta took first place in A/AA competition, and in BB competition, the Atlanta Heretic finished second and the Flames placed third. Frank Jones of Atlanta was named BB competition most valuable player, and Terry Hardy of the Peach Fuzz was named to the A/AA Allstar Team.

HVA is planning some major changes for its annual Pride tournament, including a much greater range of competition divisions. The Pride tournament expanded last year to include several out-of-state teams and expects even more traveling teams this year.

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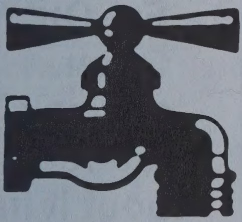

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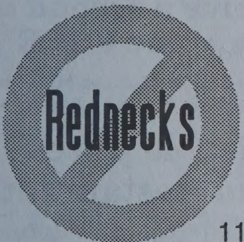

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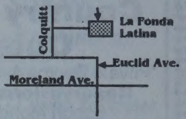

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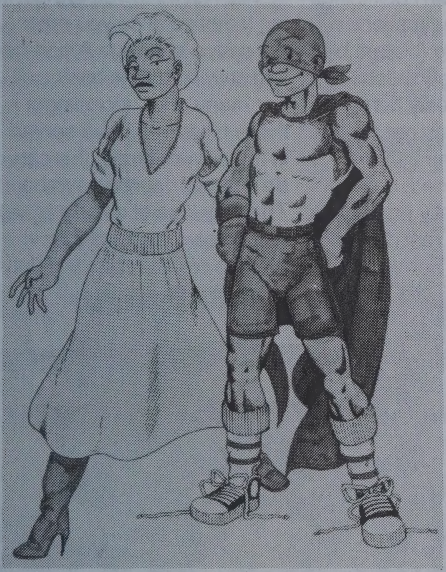

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Tell me it's only a rumour...

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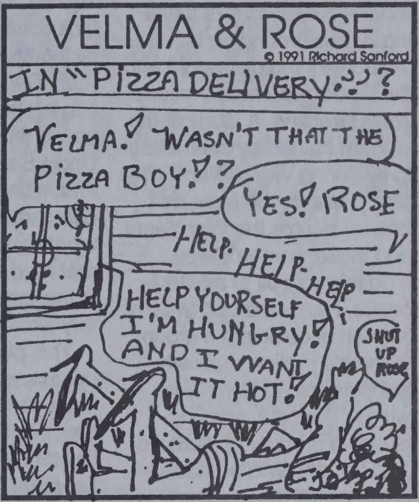
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WASP's Sentimental Journey

THEATRE REVIEW

by Wesley South

Rebecca Ranson and SAME are at it again on Stage Three of the former Academy Theatre at the corner of Juniper and 14th Streets. But this time, the theatrical road they're traveling is new ground for the award-winning playwright and the OutProud Theatre troupe she's directing. A study of the women trained by the military to fly during World War II. The play presents the facts as it draws you into the War Years, and these women's lives.

In her only bit of artistic license, Ranson drops two women of color into a group of female civilian pilots who are determined to win their wings. The cast, which includes a number of alumni of OutProud/SAME productions, proves itself up to some of Ranson's most obviously heart-felt writing.

Jean Miller (Josephine in *Write Rites Rights*) as Hazel the "lady" who seems to have slipped in from Tara, is wonderfully tight. She gives her scenes a believability and depth that a lesser actor might have missed.

Sharon Lane, who plays the "sanctified" woman of color Ruth, lends her strong singing voice to lead the drama's two songs. Ruth reminded me of many of my friends who grew up in that time period. With flashes of real backbone and spirit along with unwavering faith.

Deadra Moore (*Gay Deceivers*), gets her teeth into Inez, an innocent youth who learned to fly so she could crop dust her family's farm.

Kent Wilson (The Harvey Milk Show), will have you believing he really is drill sergeant Billy Joe Weaver. He proves he is capable of cruel-to-be-kind behavior.

Also on hand are K.A. Cunningham (*Writes Rites Rights*), who has the butch look down; Pici as the company intellectual; and Trish Land (*Gay Deceivers*) as Rose, playing the love interest of one of the other "nieces of Uncle Sam." Brooklyn Murphy and Michael Parducci play the debutante (emphasis on taunting) and the fly-boy (a real hard-ass) who trains these woman to handle military aircraft.

This play doesn't doll things up. Some of the situations will have you wincing (blatant bigotry, societal expectations). But there is honesty here. Laughter. And you get reminded that of the 2,000 women who trained, only 1,070-plus actually earned their wings. The rest dropped out or were cut. Some were even killed flying the best of what was left of the state-side Army Air Corps.

For anyone familiar with Stage Three, you will understand the limitations of space. So the idea that this play is set on a military base – and on an airfield with characters flying around in planes at certain points – will give you an idea of the true artwork involved in staging.

There are a number of moments of pure whimsey, like when the women exercise as if they'd escaped from a Busby Berkley musical number. Or when the cast goes to "sleep" by leaning against a wall.

The first thing you are going to notice once you enter the space is a huge American flag painted on the back wall. For many of us, including those of us who have served in the armed forces, this can be a rather daunting symbol. The very idea of seeing a play that revolves around the themes of patriotism and duty

The women of *WASPs*, now playing at the 14th Street Playhouse through Feb. 9.

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to one's country may not sound like a very Queer thing to do. But if you can honestly say you don't get a little choked up – even though you "know better" – when something truly patriotic gets thrown in your face. Then I say you really need to see this play. You've missed something important. You've missed belonging to this nation.

See *WASPs* before Feb. 9, and get into the spirit of this entertaining bit of history. Presented Thurs. through Sun. at 8 pm. Call 881-0817 for ticket information. ▼

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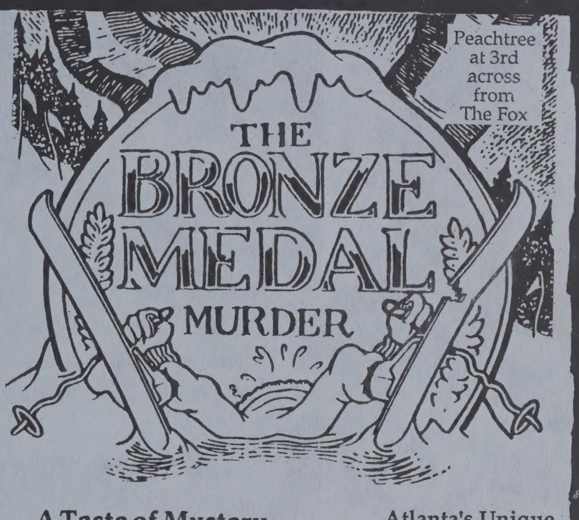

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Reversal of Gender: Screen goddesses like Marilyn are honored(?) in OutProud's comedy, **Saga.**

The play relies on gender reversal and the role of Whitney will be played by D. Scott Graham. Even the playwright will don a dress, playing Graciela Fontaine, the aging diva who becomes Whitney's mentor. Damion Clark plays Whitney's nemesis, the evil Alexa Montenegro. Others in the cast are Tim Williams, Kurt Beals, Greg Carter and Michelle Troncin.

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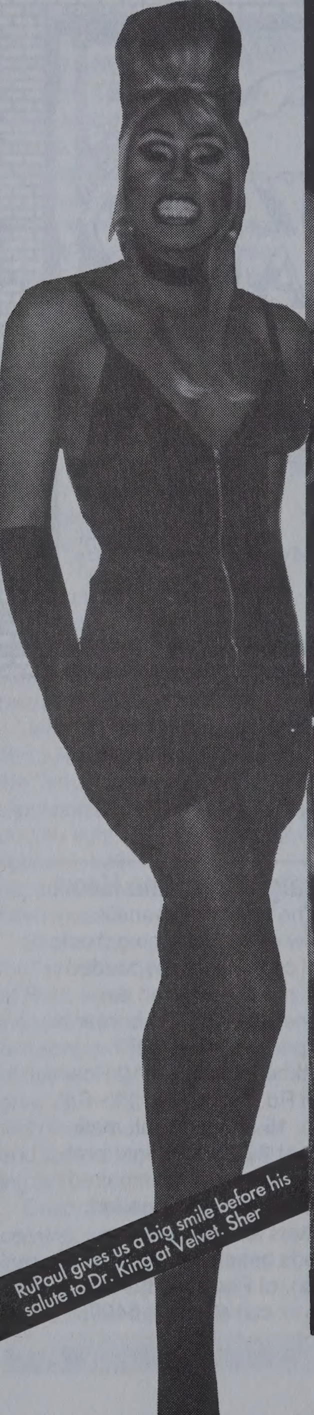
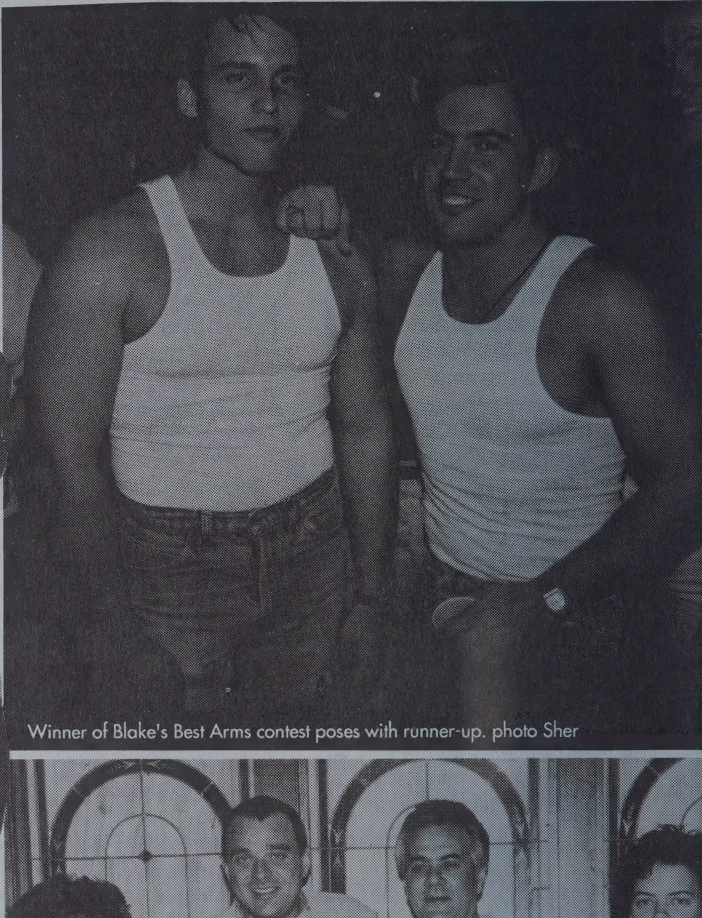
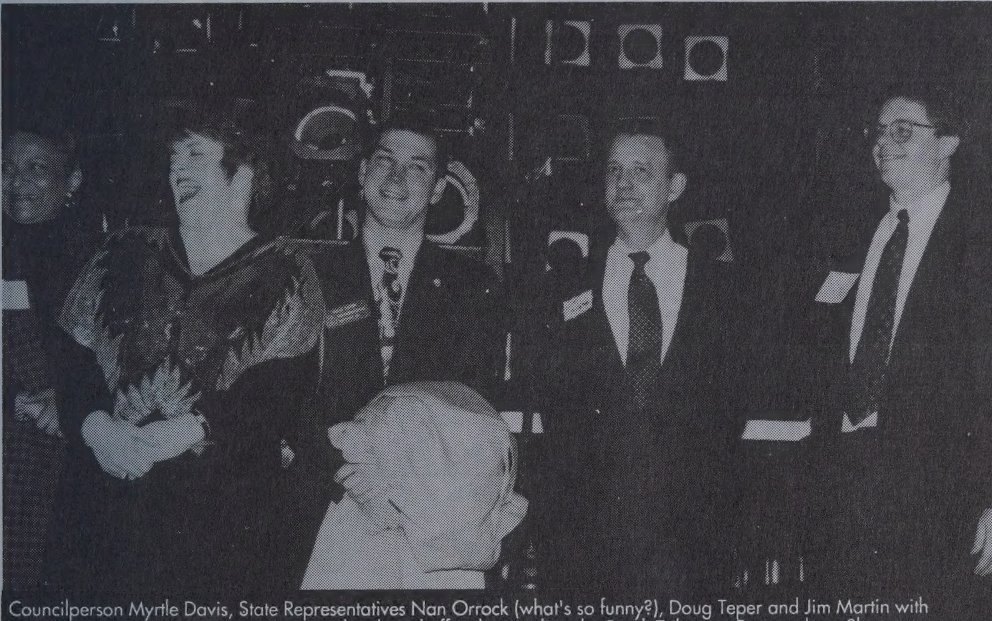


RuPaul gives us a big smile before his salute to Dr. King at Velvet. Sher

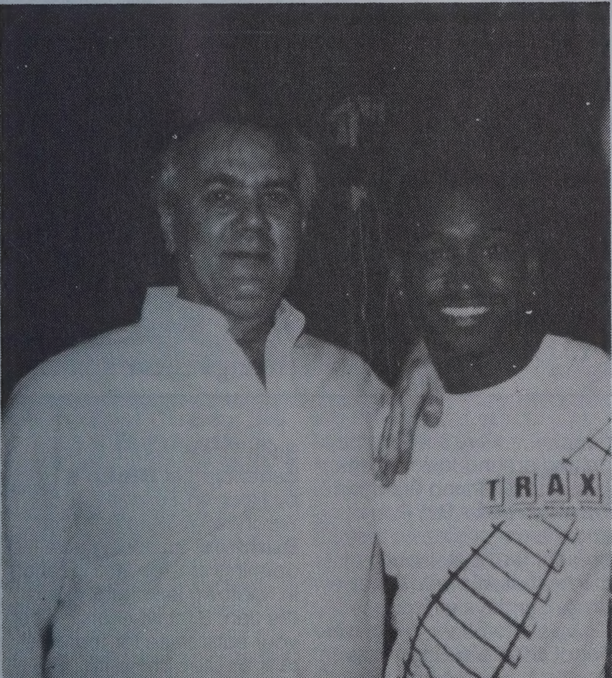


Winner of Blake's Best Arms contest poses with runner-up. photo Sher

Herb Moses and lover Barney Frank pose with Managers Dana and Jennifer at The Otherside. photo Sher



Councilperson Myrtle Davis, State Representatives Nan Orrock (what's so funny?), Doug Teper and Jim Martin with State Senator Steve Henson were among the elected officials attending the Frank Tribute at Petrus. photo Sher



Barney Frank with Cliff at Traxx during Snow Jam '92. photo D. Hampton

Peg's Dirt!

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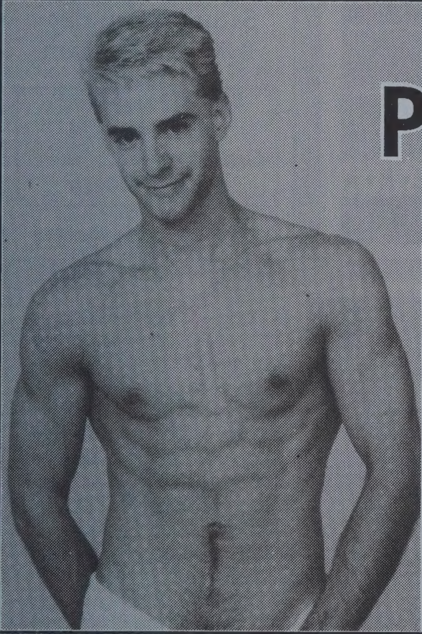

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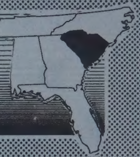

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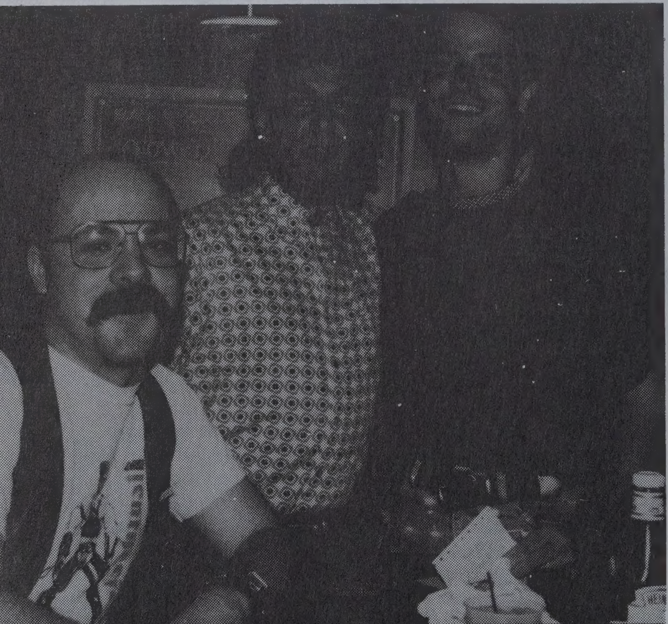

Alan, Wil and Blaine in the newly remodeled Eagle Cafe for Full Moon.
photo Sher

Go boys every Saturday night at the **Metro**, contact Don at 874-9869... **Moreland Avenue Tavern** becomes the newest addition to **Peg's Dirt** with Angel Starr performing every Friday and Saturday night... The **Otherside** will be hosting another Talent Search with Nashville recording artist Scooter Lee. Prizes include $50 to each weekly winner and $500 to the Grand prize winner. Stop in on Sundays in February to see the up and coming talent of Atlanta... Stop by **Rumours** of Buckhead for the Grand opening weekend and see some of Atlanta's top Cabaret performers... The old **Toolulah's** Lounge has reopened on Cheshire Bridge at the old Nugget Club (next door to the **Heretic**). Lauren Michaels and Ashley Nicole headline a Thursday show... If you happen to

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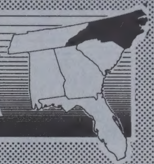

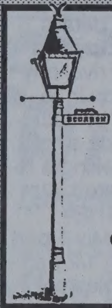

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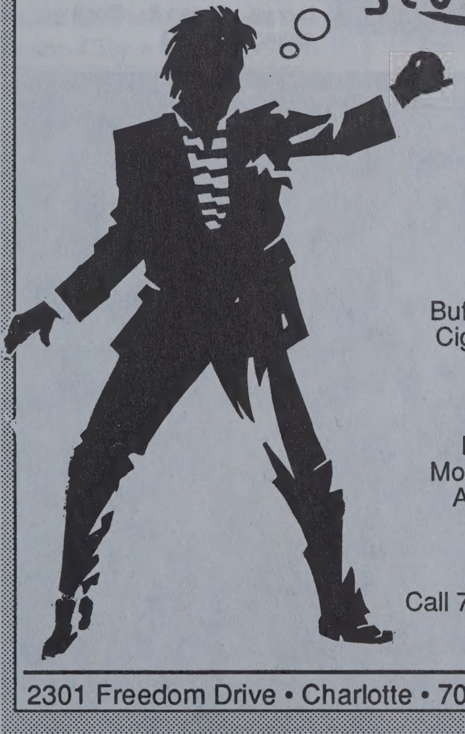

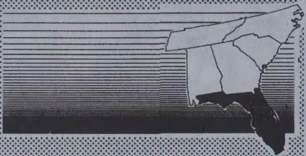

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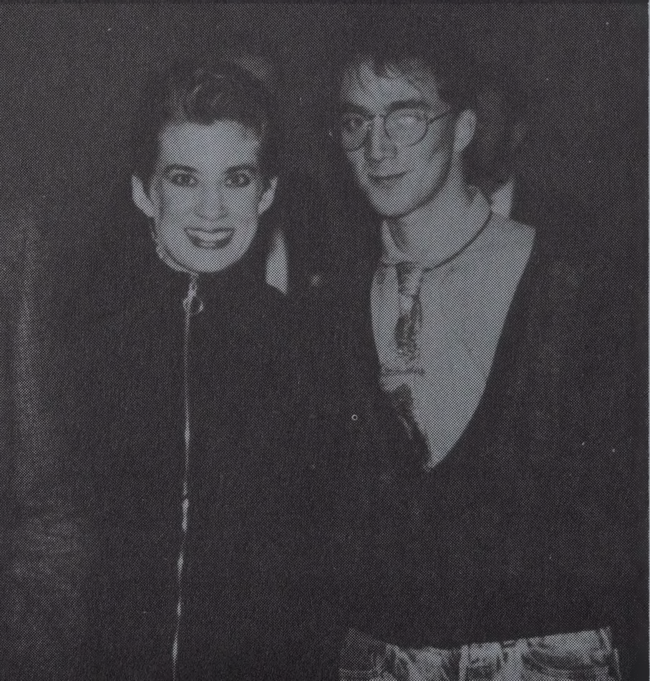

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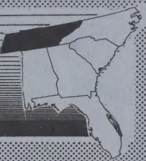

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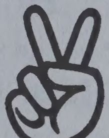

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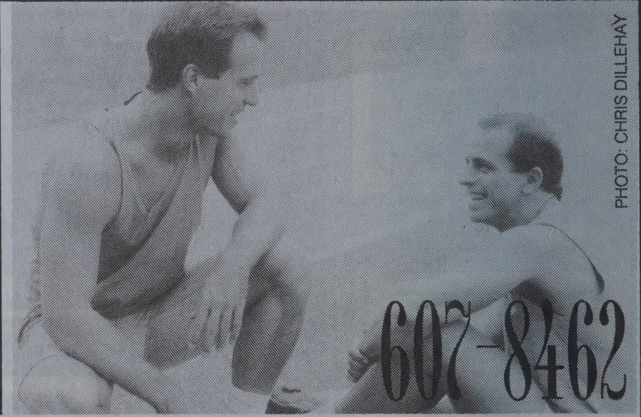

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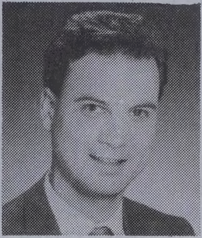

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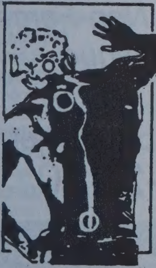

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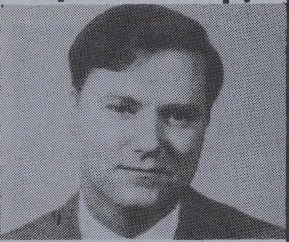

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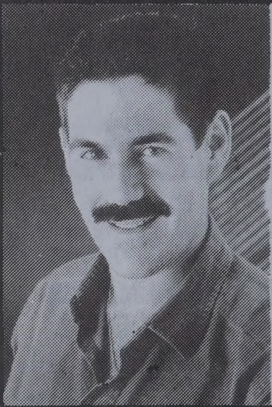

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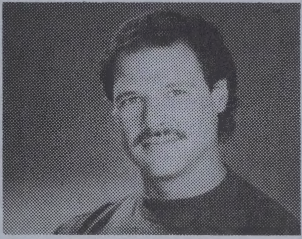

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Advice & Information by Tutti

Dear Tutti,

My lover is currently stationed in Germany. The two of us have been apart for over a year. During the Xmas holidays he came home to see me. The two of us are in love. The only problem is that when he returns, in March, he wants us to engage in threesomes on a regular basis. I don't know how to react to this. I love him very much and don't want to share him with anyone. But, deep down, I know I will have to allow this because it will make our relationship work. I have no objections to an occasional threesome, but he wants them too often for my liking. Please tell me your feelings on this matter. There has got to be another way to add more sexual stimulation than that.

– Thanks and Concerned in Augusta

Dear Concerned Reader,

Two is company and three is trouble. He has been away for quite awhile and you have both been on your own. Even though you may think that you are in love, time does take its toll. Give it thought. P.S. Maybe you can be more than one person and add that sexual stimulation!

Dear Tutti,

I am from Atlanta, but right now I'm living in Louisville, Kentucky. My lover and I moved here about six months ago. She left me about six months ago. She headed back to the Big Peach! I feel all alone now. The scene and friends here are not the same. I am so so homesick, Tutti! But I don't have the friends to move back in with right now. If you can, please, dear, print my box address so that anyone interested in a good pen pal could right me. I think if I could just hear from anyone in Atlanta, I can make it until I get to move back home. Thanks and lots of love!

– Rebecca McDonald, Box 20 West Point, KY 40177

Dear Homesick Reader,

Get your butt back home, your friends are still here and we miss you! I have printed your message and Tutti hopes that someone will come to the rescue!

Address your questions or matters of concern to Tutti c/o Etcetera Magazine, PO Box 8916, Atlanta, GA 30306. Or for your convenience, FAX your correspondence to 525-1908. Opinions expressed are Tutti's and do not necessarily reflect those of Etcetera Magazine.

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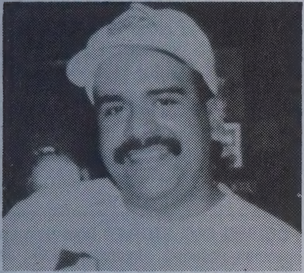

I realize that the diagnosis of AIDS presents me with a choice: the choice to be a hopeless victim and die of AIDS, or to make my life right now what it always ought to have been. – PWA

F. Peter Rivera transcended this life on January 16, at the age of 34. Although he is no longer with us, his humor and love will comfort us, we will always remember him and hold him close to our hearts. Peter is survived by Don Weems, his lover of 12 years, mother Delores, many family members and friends, especially the members of Lambda Bowling League, the Dixie Invitational, and the Tuesday Night Dinners at the Shrine. Contributions in Peter's memory may be made to PALS (Pets are Loving Support).

TOMMY MILAM
11/29/62 - 1/9//92

Tom's very caring, magical personality will be missed by all who knew and loved him, especially me. Dennis

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ROBERT TIMOTHY "TIM" RAGAN
7/21/45 – 1/19/92

Tim Ragan, a deacon with the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, passed away January 19 due to complications from AIDS. A native of Savannah, Tim moved to Atlanta where he has lived for the past ten years. Most recently employed as a social worker by the State of Georgia, Tim was ordained a deacon on June 24, 1989, serving on the AIDS Task Force with the Archdiocese of Atlanta and assisting Father Alan Dillmann of Immaculate Conception with the Church's AIDS outreach ministry. A volunteer with Tuesday Night Dinners at the Shrine, Tim will be greatly missed by many friends whose lives were touched by his living ministry.

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Tim Ragan, affectionately known as "Timothy-Ellen Lefkovitz" is survived by his two sisters "Michael-Anne and Eileen Lefkovitz." Tim has been our "best sister" for over twelve years. We loved him... we fought him... we adored him. He added a depth to our lives that will never be surpassed. Wit and charm were his gifts. Goodbye Sis... you will truly be missed.

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11/21/58 - 12/26/91

A memorial "social" will be held Sunday, Feb. 2, at 7 pm. 619-A Coolidge Ave., Atlanta. Info/directions 404 874-0265. "Ed, our world will not be the same without you in it." – Tory, Kathy, Joe

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Deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 6 pm for the issue that comes out a week from that Thurs. Please limit length to 25 words or less. Ads will be run a maximum of 4 weeks.

The Psychotherapy and Behavior Therapy Clinic at Georgia State University will be offering group therapy for men who have concerns about HIV related issues. Call 404 651-2859 for more information. [8]

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NAPWA LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE
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Call for updates on AIDS legislation during the 1992 Georgia Legislative session.

POLICE BRUTALITY

If you have been verbally or physically abused by City of Atl. Police officers, report it to Jack at Etc. 404-525-3821. Fight back by reporting bigotry!

If you are interested in helping open a community center in Atlanta for **all lesbians and gay men,** come to an organizational meeting January 29 at 7pm at 1261 Glenwood Ave. (behind Trio Alterations). Call Jeff at 404 239-9339 for information. [6]

AIDS Support Group forming in Carrollton, serving People with AIDS and HIV+. This group will be facilitated by a trained therapist. Safe and confidential environment provided. For more info, call 404 214-8054. [7]

Friends and Family of PWAs are forming a support group in Carrollton. For more info, please call Margo Barnard at 404 832-9866. [7]

AIDS INFORMATION LINE

Georgia Toll-Free AIDS Hotline: Free, anonymous information and referral services in Atlanta 404-876-9944, toll free 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY). Support Group Meeting: PWAs-Wed; Hispanics with HIV-1st & 3rd Tues; Lymphadenopathy/ARC-Mon; Families, Friends, Partners I-Mon; Families, Friends, Partners II-Wed; Bereavement-Mon; Worried Well-Tues, 6-7:30 pm. All meetings are from 7-9 pm weekly, unless otherwise specified. Call 404-874-6517 for locations.

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The Uniformed Services Activity offers morale, welfare and recreational support in addition to legal, medical, educational and ministry referrals for military and Defense Department personnel. Call 1-800-988-4079, or write USA-A; Box 6057; Arlington, VA 22206. [8]

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"InterAct of Atlanta" cordially invites you to meet other professional gay men and women interested in travel, weekend get-aways, nights on the town, and dinners at home! For more info: contact Rob 404-986-9048. [9]

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OutWrite '92, the National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference will be held in Boston on March 20-22. For info call 617 695-0511. [6]

Delta Force of Pensacola – Group supportingt Gay Men: If you want to meet men just like you then Delta Force is here for you. We meet at 7:30 every Tues. at 415 N. Alcaniz St. (MCC). Call 904 432-GSGM. [6]

Panels from the **NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt** will be on display Feb. 18-21 in the Georgia Hall of the Tate Student Center on the University of GA campus. [6]

Want some unconditional love? Try something warm and cuddly from the Gwinnett Humane Society's Adopt-A-Pet. Sat., Jan. 18 & Feb. 1, 10am - 2pm in Lilburn. Call 404 622-9100 for info. [6]

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To those challenged with AIDS – Im a songwriter offering the simple gift of music as a reminder of love and faith in this sweet beautiful world. If you could use some serenading, call me anytime. Message returned soon. Peace... 404 659-5574. [9]

The Southeast Gay Rodeo Association plans to host their first rodeo event in 1993. SEGRA promotes country & western activities, with profits donated to charities. For info on sponsoring or being a member, call or write PO Box 8262, Atl., GA 30306. 404 938-0609. [9]

THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB
(ABC) has expanded its hours to better serve the Community. We are now open from 12-5pm, Tues. - Fri., and 10am to 1pm on Sat. ABC provides access to alternate treament for the HIV community in the Southeast, located at 44 Twelfth St., NE. 404 874-4845, or write POB 77003, Atl, GA 30357.

LUNAR GARDENING The how-tos of gardening in accordance with moon phases and signs. Moonday, Feb. 10, 8pm-9:30pm. Call 404 521-2502 for location/reservations. Sliding fee scale, $10-20. [7]

HEALTHQUEST '92 presents "Where do we go from here?" Open to public. Mon., Feb. 10, 6:30-8:45pm. Academy of Medicine, 875 W. Peachtree St., two blocks from 10th St. Marta. Sponsored by AID Atlanta. [7]

HIV+ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting for African-Americans. Every Wed. evening, 3030 Campbellton Rd., SW. Transportation may be available with 24-hr. advance notice. Call OUTREACH, Inc. 404 346-3922. [9]

"Latex Lovers" a sex-positive AIDS prevention program for Black Gay Men, needs volunteers and presentation opportunities. Call OUTREACH Inc., 404 346-3922. [9]

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Family support group for loved ones of HIV+ African-Americans. For details, call OUTREACH Inc., 404 346-3922. [9]

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COMING OUT STORIES from men and women needed. Interview with Jim Chappeleaux for his next dance/theatre work to be included in the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival. (Oct. '92). Any story you feel is funny, poignant, or intense please share them with me. Call 404 874-8710. [9]

The Wordsmith Society; (A Gay literary and social group). Open meetings every fourth Saturday at the Peachtree Branch Library. 1315 Peachtree Rd., Atl. For more info, Ron at 404 892-2815. [9]

AUDITIONS - SAME announces auditions for Lisbon Traviata by Terrence McNally. at the Little Five Ponts Community Center on Mon. & Tues., Feb. 17 & 18 from 7-11pm. Call Pauline Klein at 404 881-0817 from 1-5pm for info. [8]

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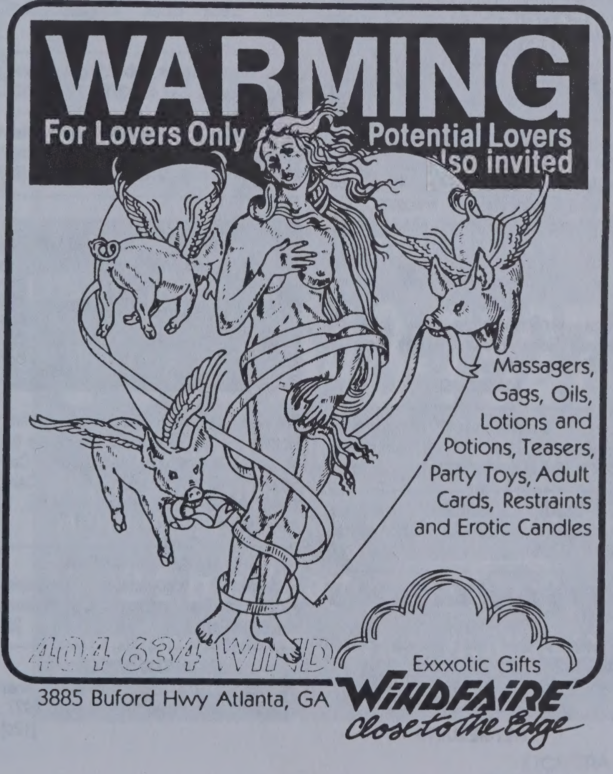
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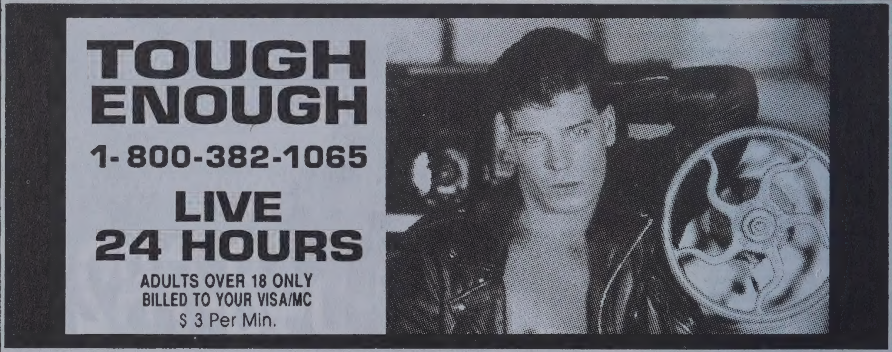
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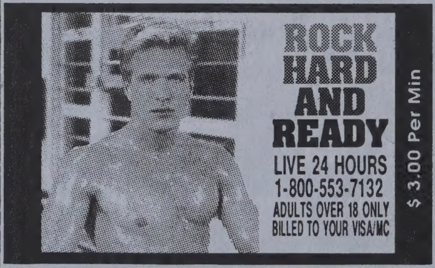
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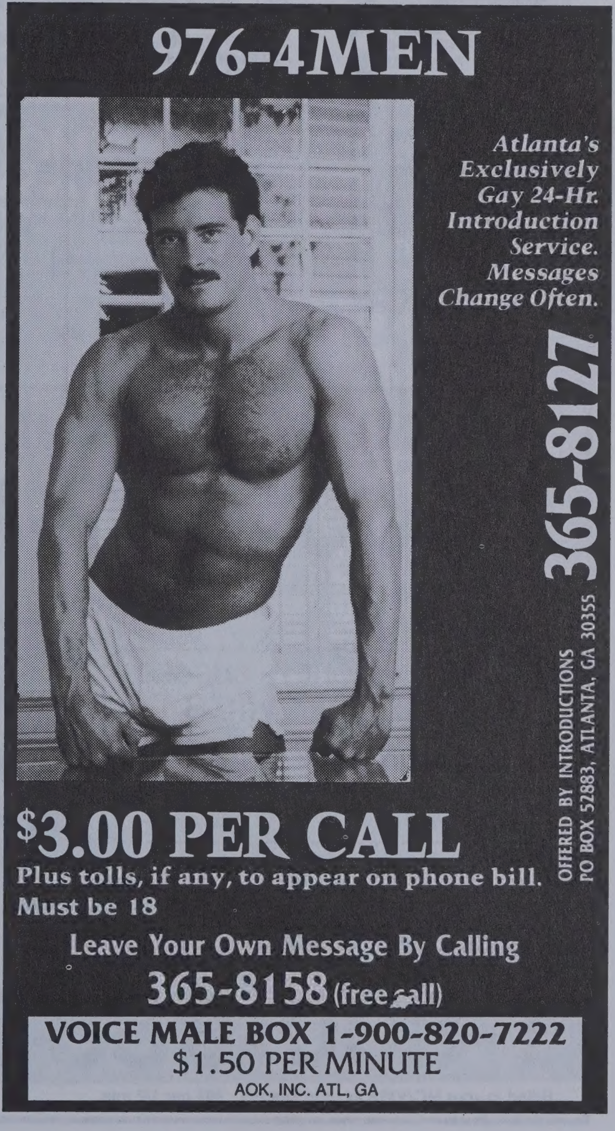

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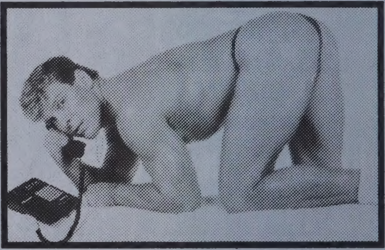

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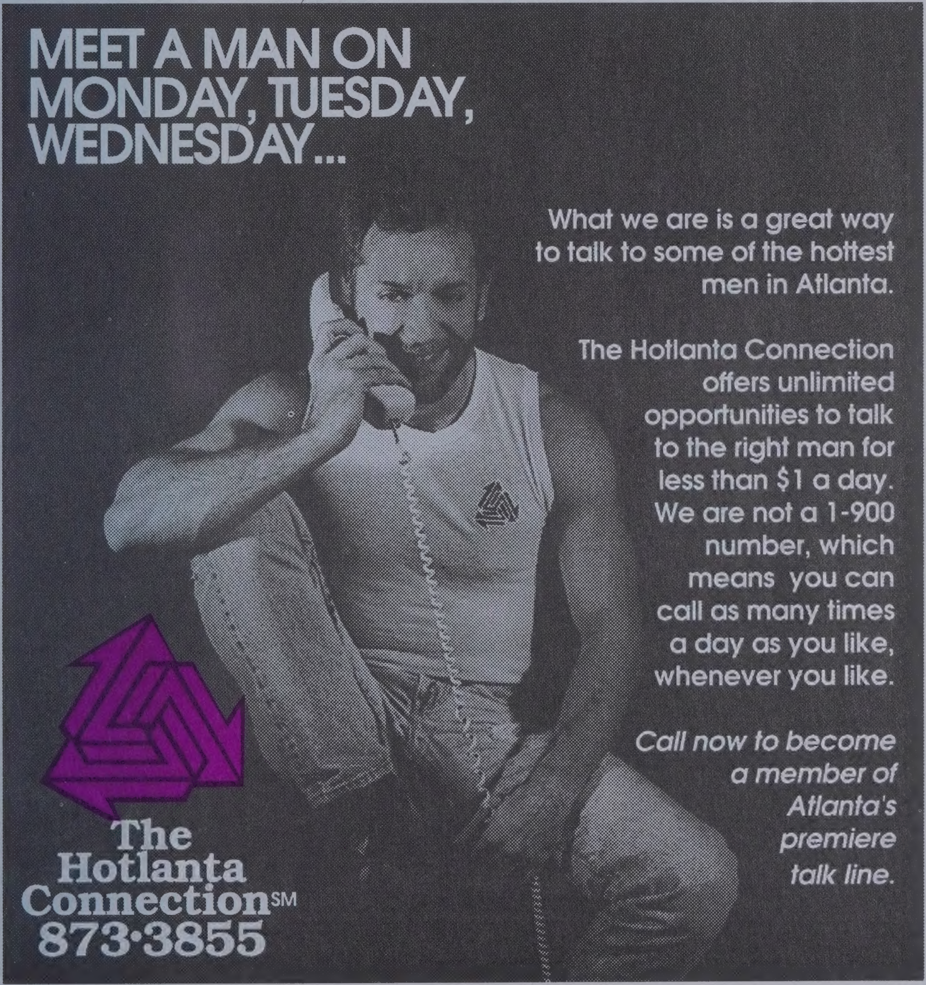

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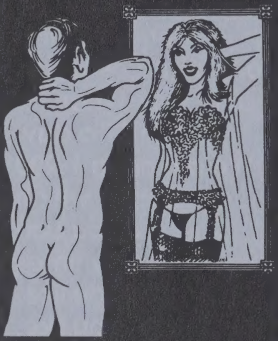

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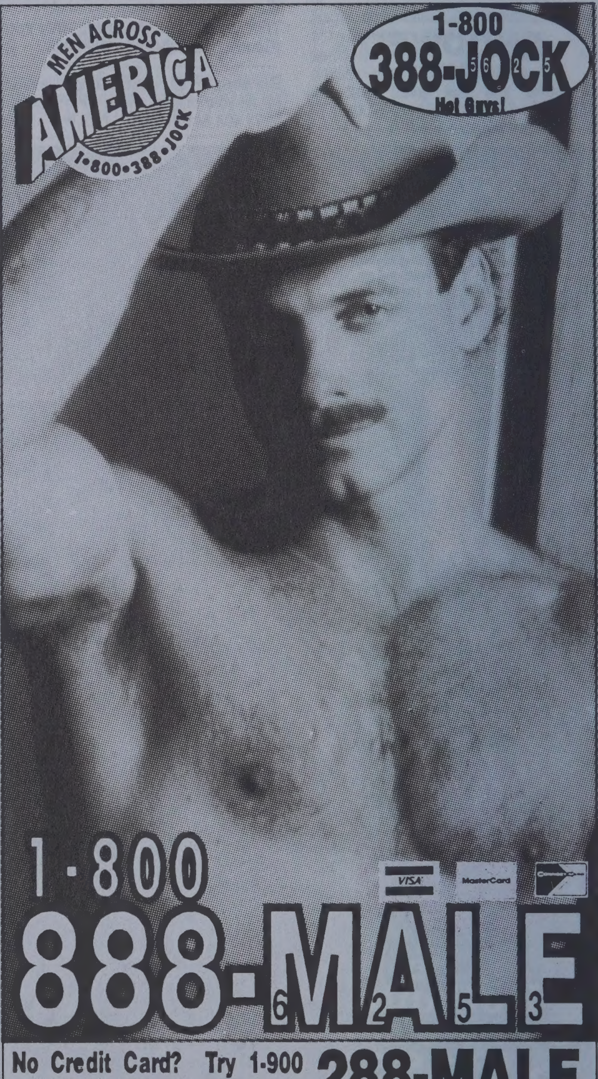
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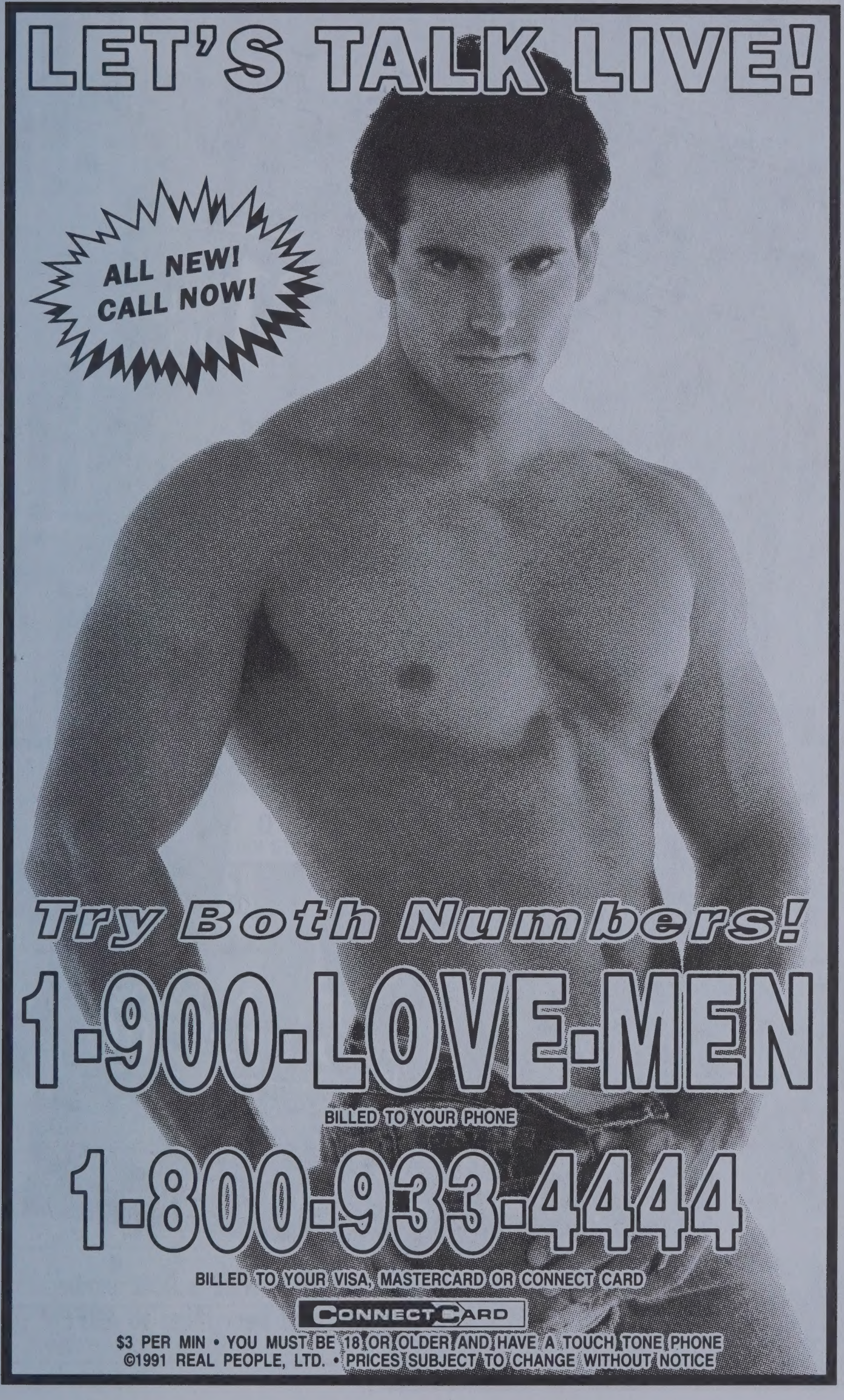

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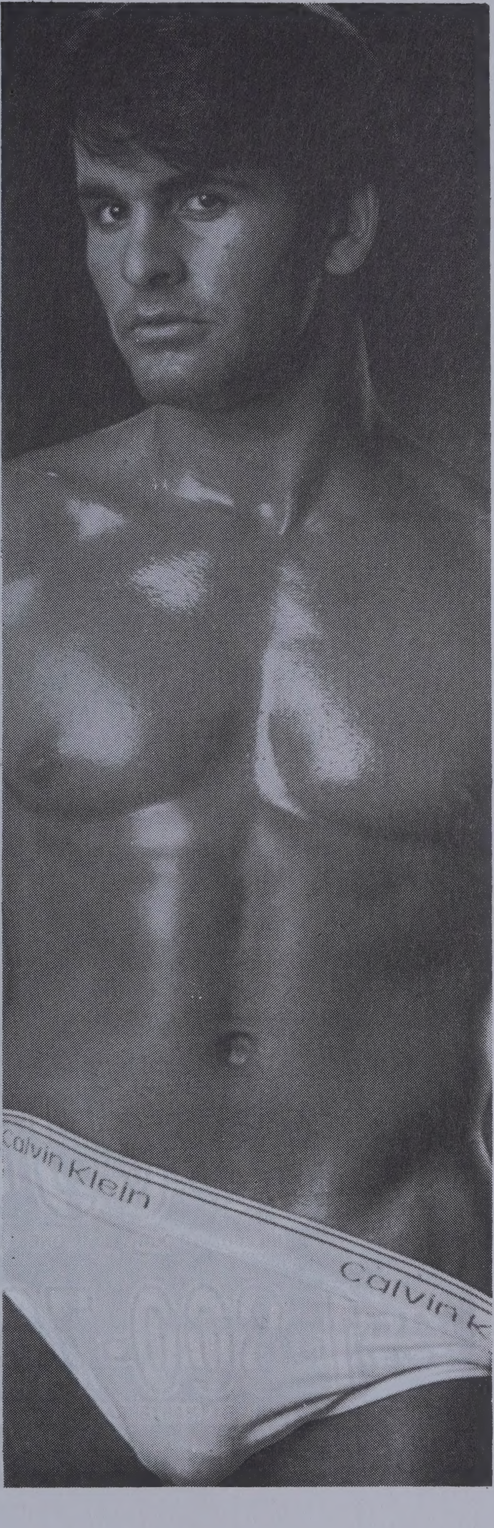

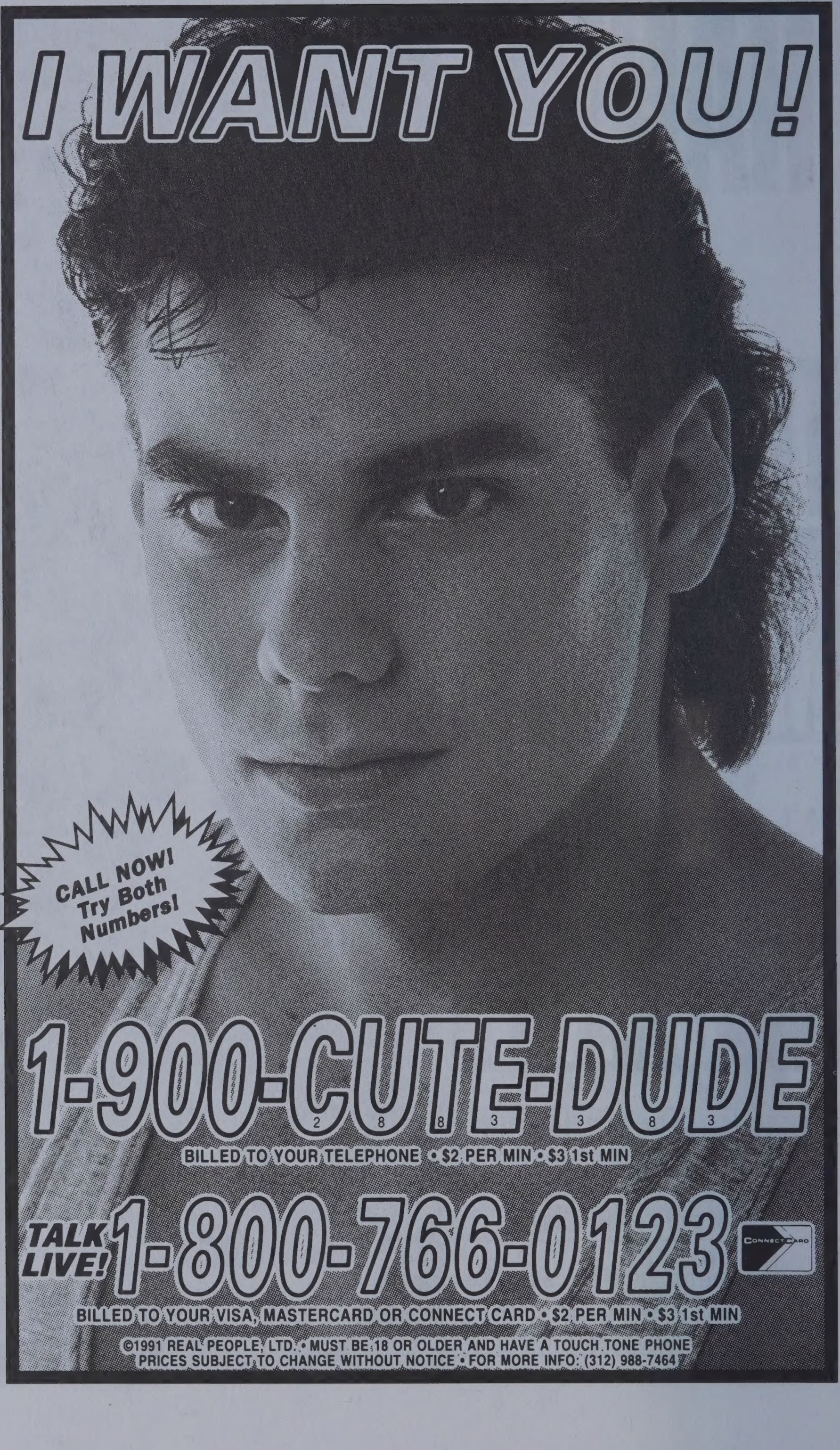

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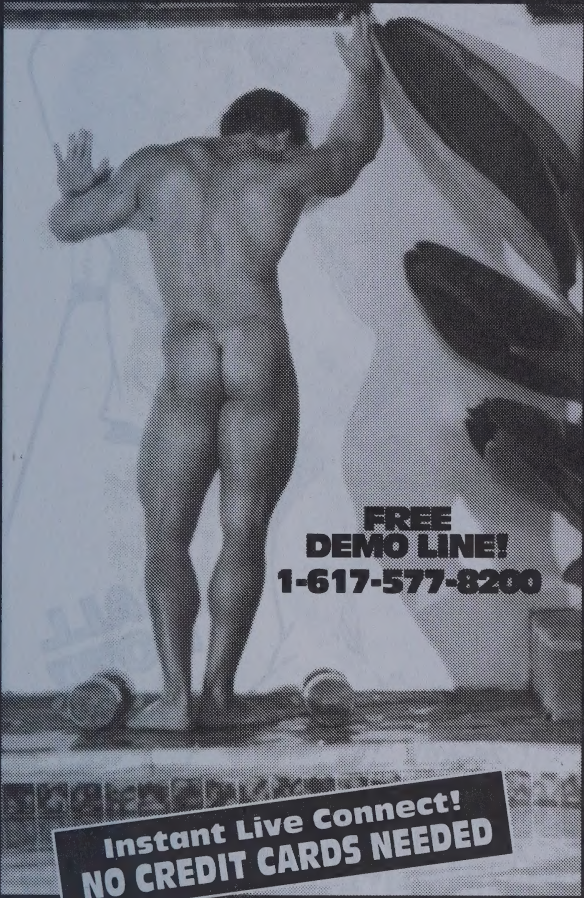

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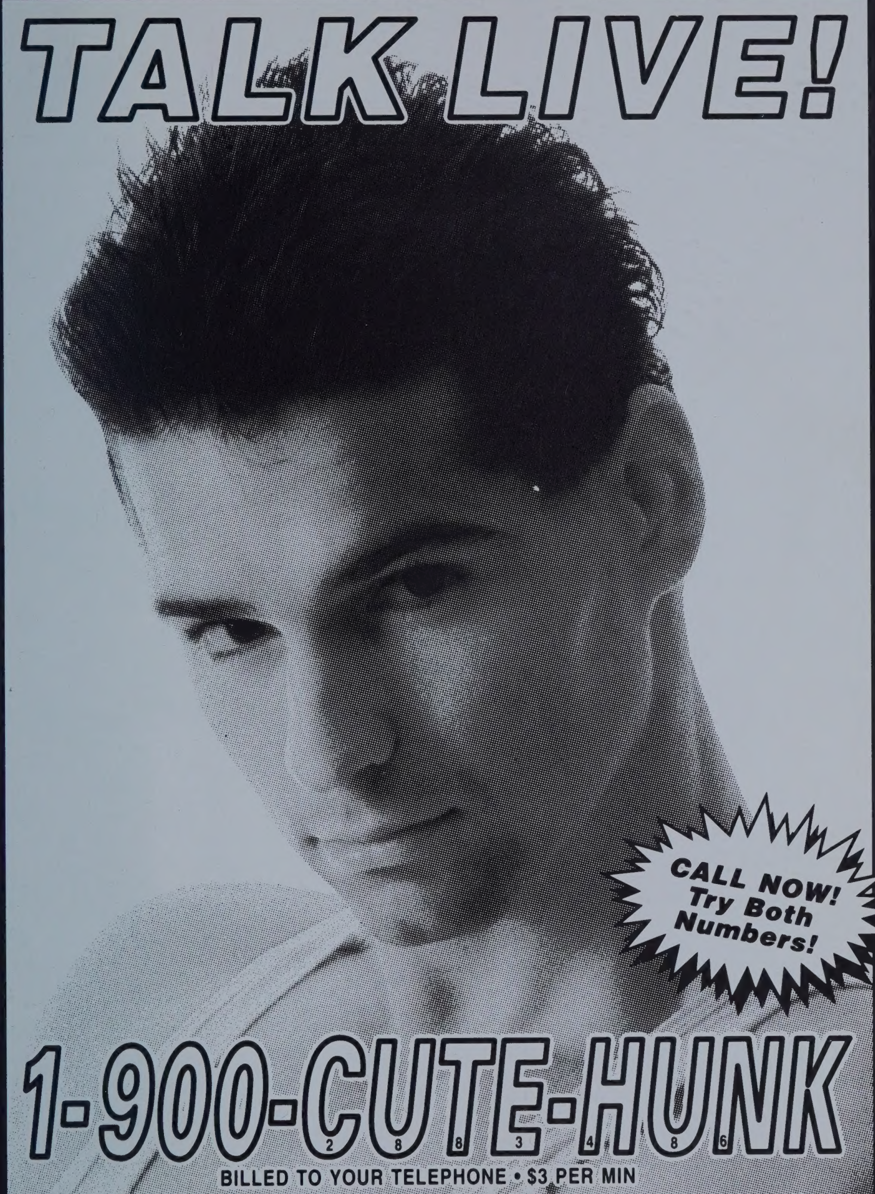

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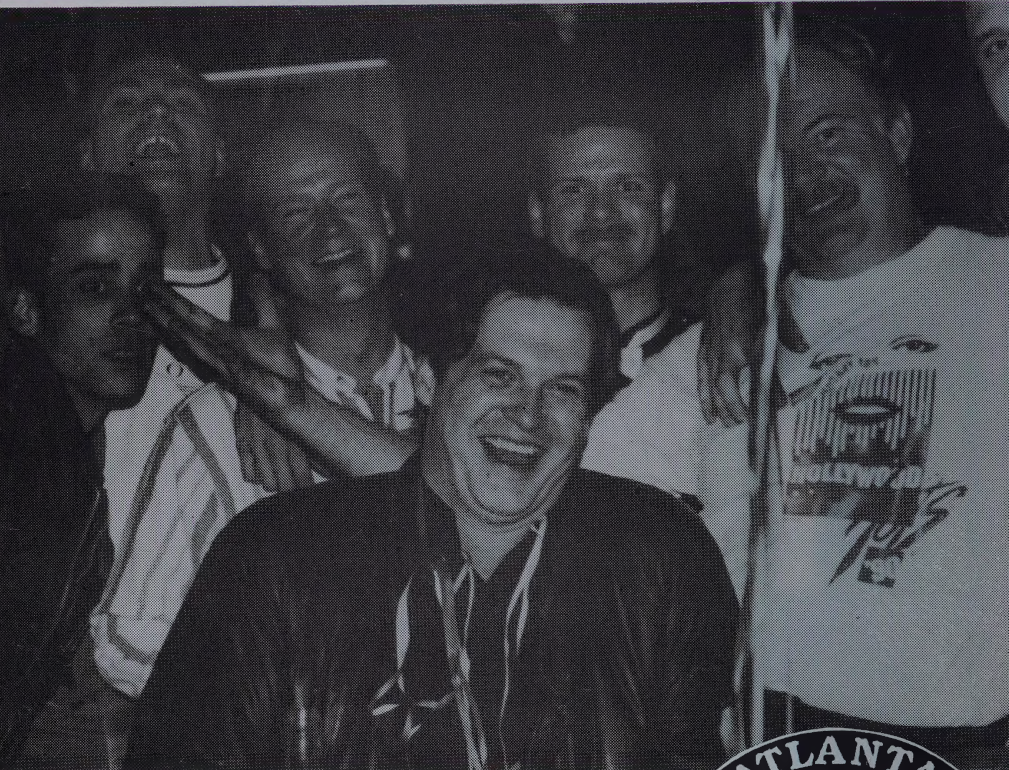

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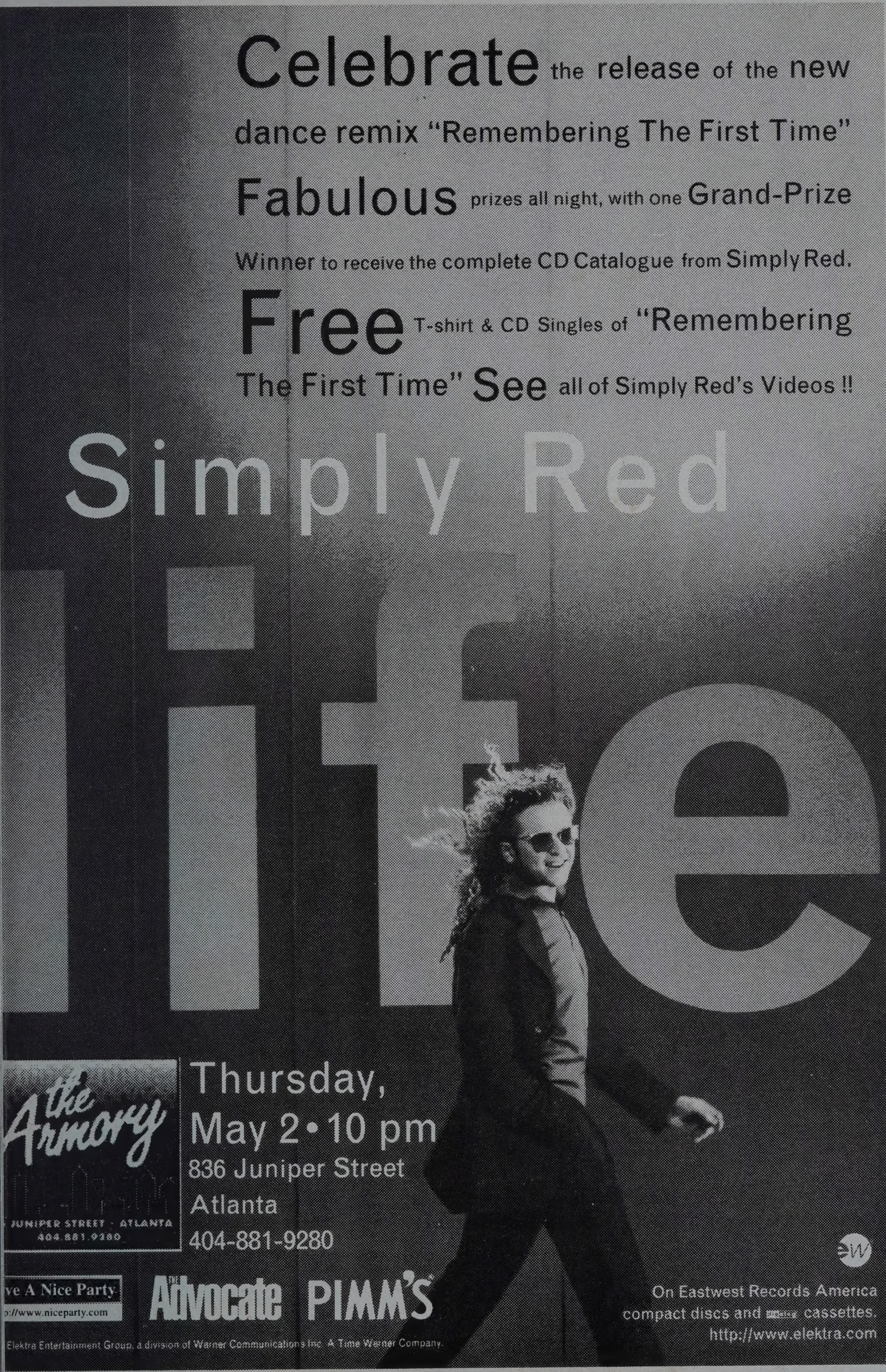

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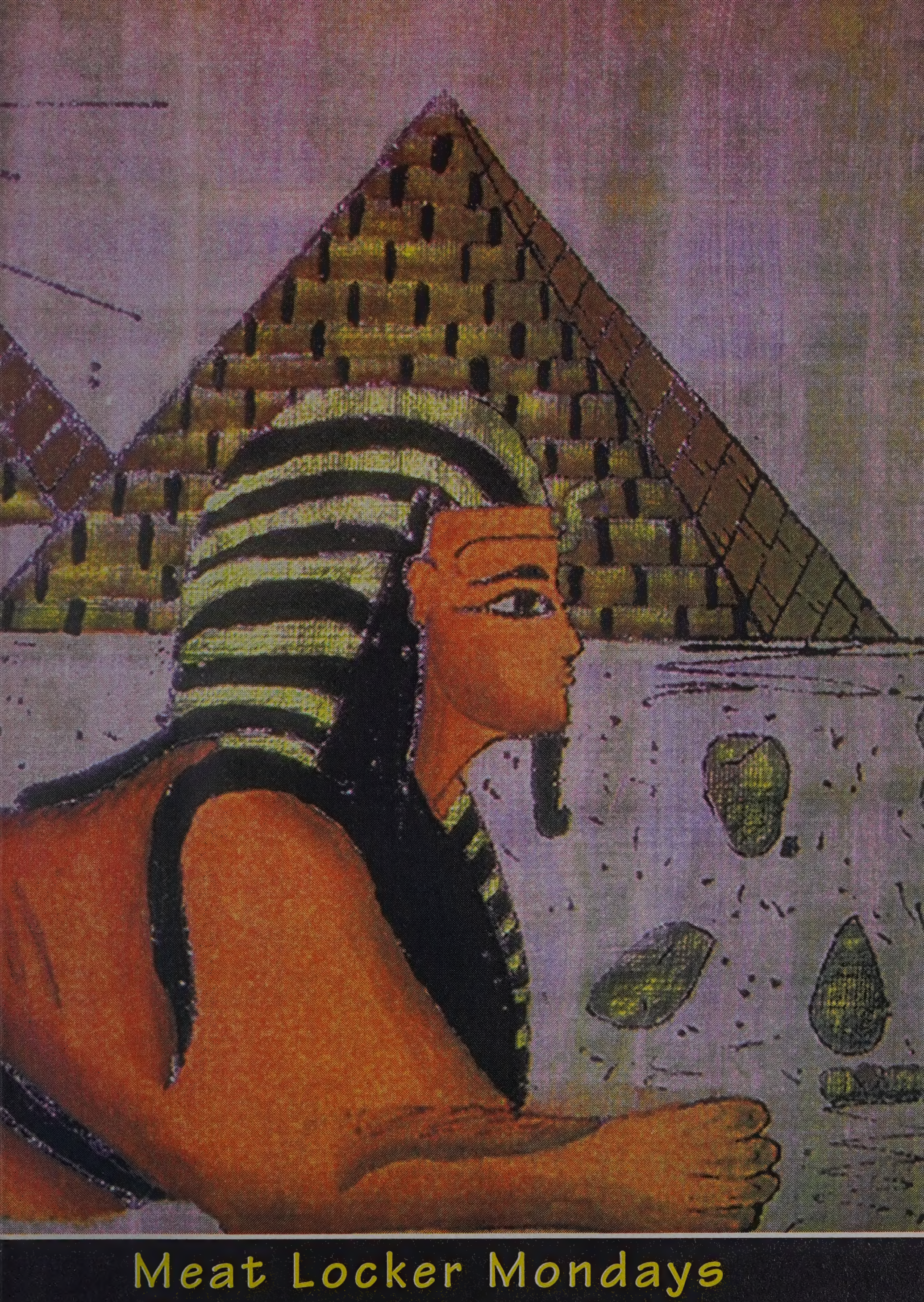

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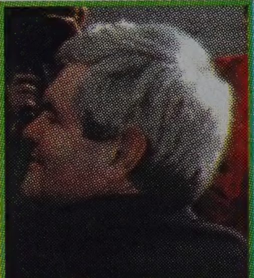
GINGRICH FILES, DUCKS PROTESTERS, SLAMS ACOG

When U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) filed for re-election at the Georgia Capitol April 22, he was met by about 75 people protesting his Congressional programs and record. Calling itself the April 22nd Coalition, the group included organizations dealing with environmental, labor, civil rights, AIDS, gay, women's, children's and disability issues. The protesters waited outside the Capitol for Gingrich and his busload of supporters to arrive, but when the pro-Gingrich crowd showed up, the Speaker had already been let off around the corner. Gingrich attempted to cut across the grass to enter the building, but when he saw the protesters' signs and heard their angry chants, he ran off, entering through another door. The protest was followed by a rally during which such speakers as Jeff Graham, executive director of AIDS Survival Project, and Pat Hussain, spokesperson for Southerners on New Ground, spoke out against the actions of the Republican-controlled Congress. Gingrich had no comment, although later in the day he criticized the decision by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) not to run the Olympic Torch relay through Cobb County. Gingrich, whose district includes the county, said ACOG's decision "serves to punish all residents of Cobb County, on both sides of the issue" and called it a "blatantly political response to a small but vocal group of protesters." ACOG pulled the Torch under threat of nationwide protests against the relay being run through Cobb, where a two-and-a-half-year-old anti-gay resolution remains.



Gingrich: see how he runs. Photo: Joe Marquette/AP

CONGRESS REPEALS HIV DISCHARGE, DORNAN RETALIATES

The U.S. House and Senate passed a budget bill April 25, that includes a provision to repeal a law calling for the discharge of all HIV-positive military personnel. The bipartisan repeal effort, led by Sens. William Cohen (R-Maine) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), had the support of the Secretary of Defense, the Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and others.

ACLU argues for non-biased juries

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta – The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Georgia on April 16, filed an amicus curiae, or friend of the court brief, in the state Supreme Court arguing in favor of a judge's right in relevant cases to excuse from a jury someone who is prejudiced against lesbian and gay people.

Michelle Duda is appealing a June 1995 divorce judgment from the Fulton County Superior Court in favor of her ex-husband Richard Duda. According to ACLU Legal Director Gerald Weber, a significant part of Ms. Duda's appeal stems from the lower court's striking potential jurors who expressed anti-gay bias.

The ACLU brief says that because the case may have involved accusations of extra-marital gay relationships and because Mr. Duda claimed he had experienced "sexual confusion" for many years, the judge acted properly in striking the biased jurors.

"Where the sexual orientation of a party is or may be an issue in the case, and a prospective juror has indicated bias for or against persons who are gay or lesbian, a trial judge has discretion to strike that juror if not convinced that the juror can overcome his or her prejudice and decide the case solely upon the law and facts," the brief reads.

Weber says the ACLU filed the brief to ensure a trial is a fair place for all people.

"If [the Supreme Court justices] rule in favor of the appellant, they would be saying the judge shouldn't have excluded those jurors," he explains. "We want to make sure they don't issue a ruling that gives a green light to having jurors who are prejudiced against gays and lesbians."

Weber says the court will probably hear the case sometime this summer.

The discharge measure was the work of Sen. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.), who tacked it on to a defense appropriations bill last December. Pres. Bill Clinton was forced to sign the bill in order to clear the way for defense spending, but spoke out strongly against the HIV measure, saying he believed it was unconstitutional. An angry Dornan, using his power as chair of the National Security subcommittee, inserted language into the newly passed budget bill to restore the discharge measure to the 1997 Defense Department authorization, slamming not only Clinton but fellow Republican members of Congress as well. "This disgusting act of cowardice with my purported leaders caving in to a pro-homosexual, draft-dodging pathological liar in the White House is pathetic," Dornan said.

NGLTF POLL DRAWS PROFILE OF GAY AND LESBIAN VOTERS

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on April 25, released results of a poll that the organization says paints the first picture of a national constituency "Democrats and Republicans ignore at their own risk." The exit poll of 15,488 voters, conducted during the 1992 and 1994 elections by Voter News Service, allowed lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) voters to self-identify for the first time, yielding results that, while not particularly surprising, provide the first statistically reliable information about that group, according to NGLTF. Among the findings: LGB voters constituted 3.2 percent of the total voting population in 1992; LGB votes are heavily concentrated in urban areas; and, because younger gay people are more likely to self-identify, more out LGB voters are under 40, with a heavier weight toward the under-30 group. The poll also found that LGB voters tend to favor liberal positions, such as more government services and higher taxes to pay for them, greater access to health care and continued legal abortions.

"[Jews] control Hollywood. Hollywood glorifies homosexuals. Do you think there is anywhere in the word of God that allows Jews…to promote an abomination?"
– Louis Farrakhan, speaking at Atlanta's First Iconium Baptist Church, April 18

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QUEER WORLD

★ On April 16, openly gay legislator Svend Robinson introduced a bill in the Canadian House of Commons to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, seeking to pressure Prime Minister Jean Chretien to fulfill a 1993 campaign pledge.

★ The inheritance rights of lesbian and gay partners have been recognized by Australian Capital Territory probate law. From May 1, unmarried partners of either gender will be eligible to share in the estate of a partner who dies without leaving a valid will.

★ France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in early April told Sweden it cannot offer same-sex marriage ceremonies at its Paris embassy, even though the building is legally Swedish. Many Swedes travel to Paris in spring to get married at the embassy.

★ Bolivian activists staged their first national gathering and a "Senorita Gay" contest in April in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra.

★ Calling it "blasphemous," Catholic citizens and the Catholic vicar general of Melbourne, Australia, have protested over a new lesbian bar named Virgin Mary's.

ACOG SEES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN UTAH AND COBB

Although on April 19, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) announced the torch relay would not go through Cobb County - due to threatened protests over the continued anti-gay resolution there - they confirmed the same day that Utah is still on the relay route, despite the state legislature's passage of a bill to ban gay clubs in schools. Since some students at Salt Lake City's East High School proposed

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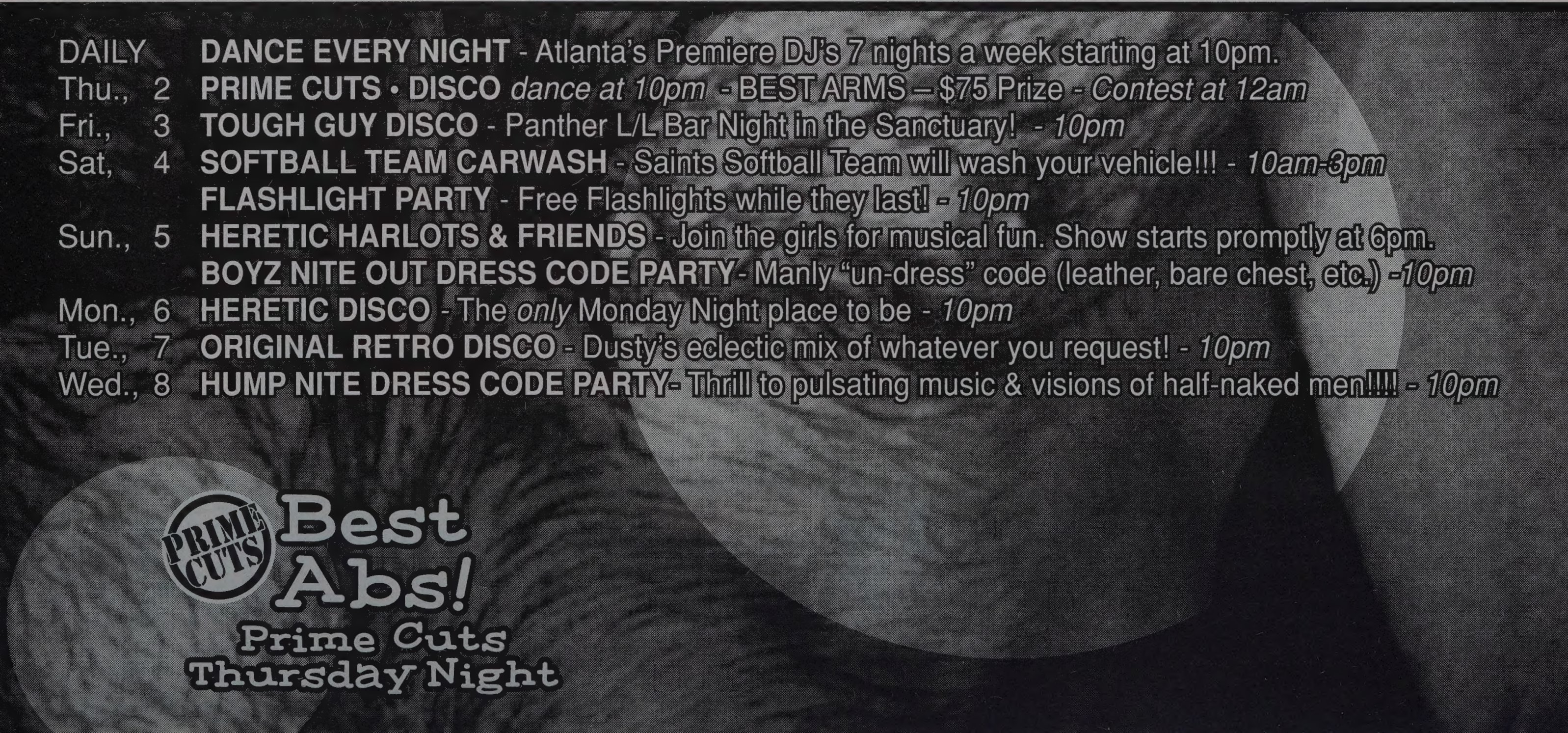

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forming a gay-straight student alliance late last year, the legislature has been searching for a way to prevent it. The city school board voted to disband all nonacademic clubs, believing that under the 1984 federal Equal Access Law that was the only way it could prevent the gay students from meeting. In a special legislative session April 18, the legislature passed, and Gov. Mike Leavitt said he would sign, a bill prohibiting any clubs involving human sexuality. The measure has been criticized in the state by legal experts and by the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, which said the bill "perpetuated and exacerbated...prejudice and bigotry toward gay, lesbian and bisexual persons." The American Civil Liberties Union said it would challenge the new law. "We don't know anything about the [Utah] situation," said ACOG spokesperson Bob Brennan. "But I don't see any relationship between what's happening in Salt Lake City and what's happening in Cobb County." Mike Korologos, spokesperson for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, which is planning the 2002 Winter Games in Utah, said he didn't believe it was an Olympic issue but "one of those social or political issues that is outside of our realm of control or responsibility." The 84-day, 15,000-mile torch relay began April 20, in Los Angeles and ends July 19, in Atlanta. The relay goes through northern Utah May 9 - 11. At press time, ACOG had not released the specific route in Utah.

AIDS DOWN NATIONALLY, UP FOR BLACKS AND WOMEN

A report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) April 18, said the number of people diagnosed with AIDS in 1995 fell seven percent from 1994. But the rate is increasing rapidly among African Americans, who are six times more likely to have AIDS than whites, and among women, who account for 19 percent of all AIDS adult and adolescent cases - their highest rate ever.

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A Florida state worker who thinks AIDS was created to punish gay men and lesbians

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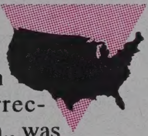
expressed that belief on state stationery in a letter to a group that asked her to help raise money for AIDS programs. Leanne O'Connell, a planner in the Department of Transportation (DOT) state safety office, wrote she was sorry that innocent people had contracted the disease but "as far as the gays and lesbians of this world…let them suffer their consequences!" The April 15, letter was addressed to the Florida AIDS Ride, which hopes to raise $2 million by getting pledges for about 1,200 people biking from Orlando to Miami Beach next month. DOT spokesperson Dick Kane apologized, saying O'Connell has a right to personal beliefs but not a right to voice them on DOT stationery. Kane did not say disciplinary action would be taken.

AROUND THE NATION



▼ Clinton Powers, a prison inmate in the Apalachee Correctional Institute in Marianna, Fla., was charged on April 9, with the murder of his cellmate James Butcher after the victim had sex with him and then told him he was infected with HIV, sheriff's officials said.

▼ A proposal by the Xenia, Ohio, Civil Rights Commission to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations was withdrawn April 19, in the face of much opposition. "Tolerance and rights are the two words I hate most in today's society," a Christian Coalition member told the commission.

▼ It seems Dan Savage, the Seattle-based gay columnist, *will* be a delegate to his county's Republican Convention in May after all. GOP officials tried to prevent Savage from attending, based on an alleged technicality. But Savage – who will go as a Buchanan delegate to push the party so far to the right it will "turn off" voters – got around the glitch and will try for a state and national convention seat as a "queer rights activist."

▼ Austin radio station KIXL-AM has canceled the show of conservative Christian Wyatt Roberts, who stirred controversy by advocating an advertiser boycott of the city's weekly gay newspaper, The Texas Triangle.

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▼ The Mascenic, N.H., School Board said it will fight in court an arbitrator's reinstatement of high school teacher Penny Culliton, who was fired by the board last year after using gay-themed books in class.

▼ A Louisiana judge on April 16, refused to stop enforcement of the state crimes-against-nature law against consenting adults in Jefferson Parish because no such cases are pending. State District Judge Walter Kollin said he found no evidence of irreparable harm against the plaintiffs, Louisiana Electorate of Gays and Lesbians Inc.

▼ According to a new study in the April 18, issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, a combination of three drugs - saquinavir, DDC and AZT - is more effective in fighting HIV than a combination of just two of them.

▼ The Defense Department said April 18, a study of a possible AIDS virus inoculation found the vaccine gp160 failed to prevent or slow the progression of HIV.

▼ A transsexual nurse identified only as Jane Roe reached an undisclosed settlement April 17, with The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu over a lawsuit in which she charged she had received HIV while drawing blood from a patient who had AIDS. Attorneys for the hospital had pointed to Roe's alleged past of prostitution and drug use and said the hospital

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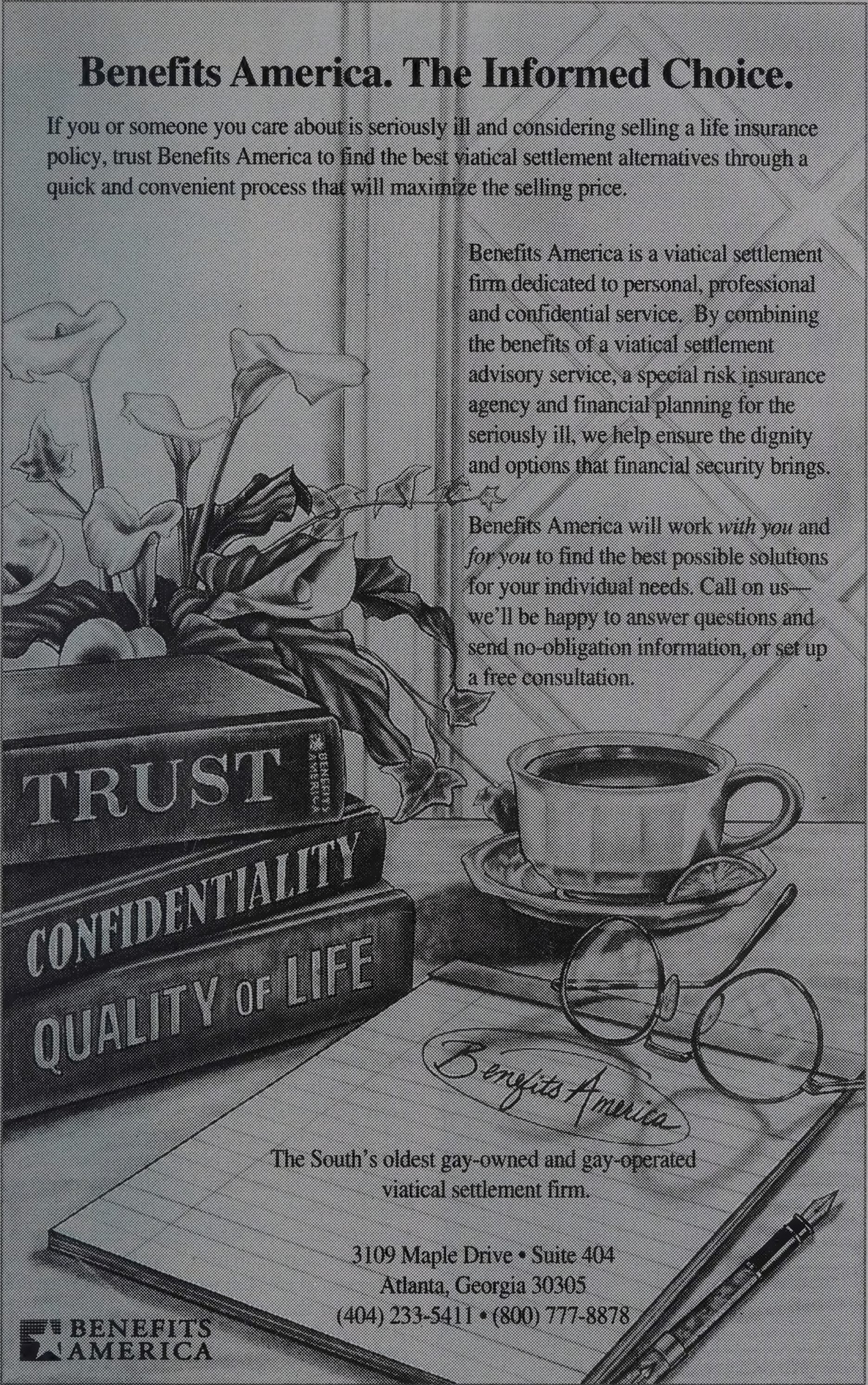

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▼ About 400 people attended the Out and Equal in the '90s conference in San Francisco, April 19 - 21. The event, organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, attracted representatives from corporations, employee groups and labor organizations to workshops and presentations on lesbian and gay workplace issues.

METHODISTS REAFFIRM GAY STANCE, ACKNOWLEDGE RIFT

Responding to a recent break in their ranks, the United Methodist bishops on April 23, affirmed the church's opposition to homosexuality and the ordination of gays. The 67-member Council of Bishops acknowledged at a meeting of the church's General Conference in Denver that there are serious differences on the issue within the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination. But in a statement adopted unanimously, the bishops said they are committed to following church law banning gay ordinations and declaring the practice of homosexuality to be incompatible with church teaching. The statement came less than a week after 11 active and four retired bishops, declaring it was time to "break the silence," said they personally oppose church policies condemning homosexuality but would continue to obey church law. Bishop Melvin Talbert of San Francisco, one of the dissenters, said the statement gives hope to gay Methodists by recognizing the church is divided on the issue. "At least there's open dialogue and discussion on an issue where there had been silence before," he said.

Mike Dubose/AP

Dissenting Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert sees hope in gay discussion.

San Diego rally targets GOP Convention

by Rex Wockner

San Diego – About 200 people rallied at the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center April 16, to launch activist efforts planned for the Republican National Convention, to be held in the city Aug. 12 – 15.

The rally, featuring speakers from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign, was organized by the ad-hoc coalition Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voters

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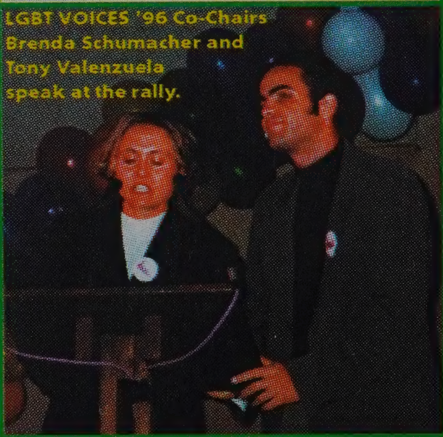
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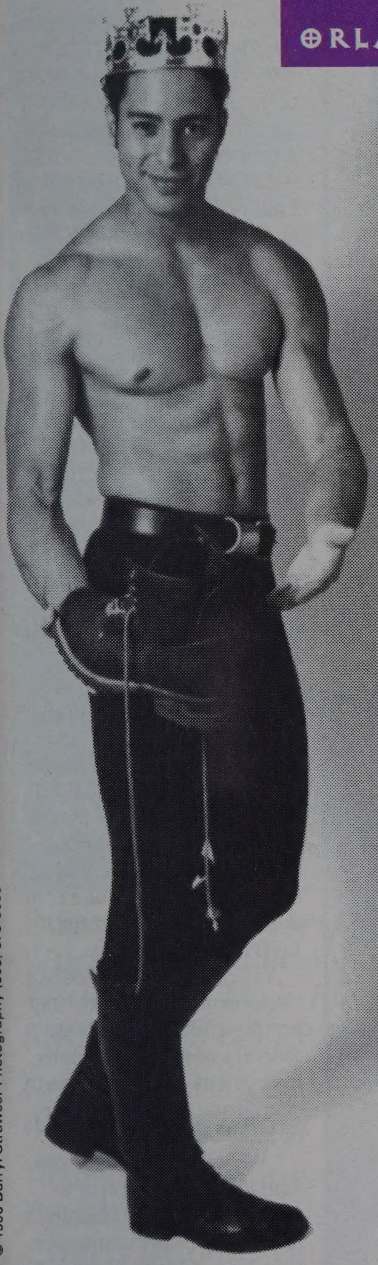
LGBT VOICES '96 Co-Chairs Brenda Schumacher and Tony Valenzuela speak at the rally.

GAY PAPER EDITOR FOUND DEAD, APPARENT SUICIDE

Devon Clayton, editor of Southern Voice, was found in his apartment April 24, an apparent suicide by hanging. According to Southern Voice Managing Editor Terry Murphy, Clayton confided to co-workers that he had attempted suicide the week before while on vacation in Key West. Concerned friends immediately sought help for him, and he was hospitalized April 22. Clayton checked himself out the next day. When he wasn't heard from, Southern Voice Publisher Chris Cash and Staff Writer Walter Woods went to Clayton's apartment and found his body. "We're at a loss to explain it," Murphy said. "He talked about depression and expressed some anguish over his professional and personal life, but who doesn't? It was nothing out of the ordinary. We're all stunned." Clayton, 34, came to Atlanta two years ago after a stint at The Advocate. He took over as editor of the gay weekly last fall.



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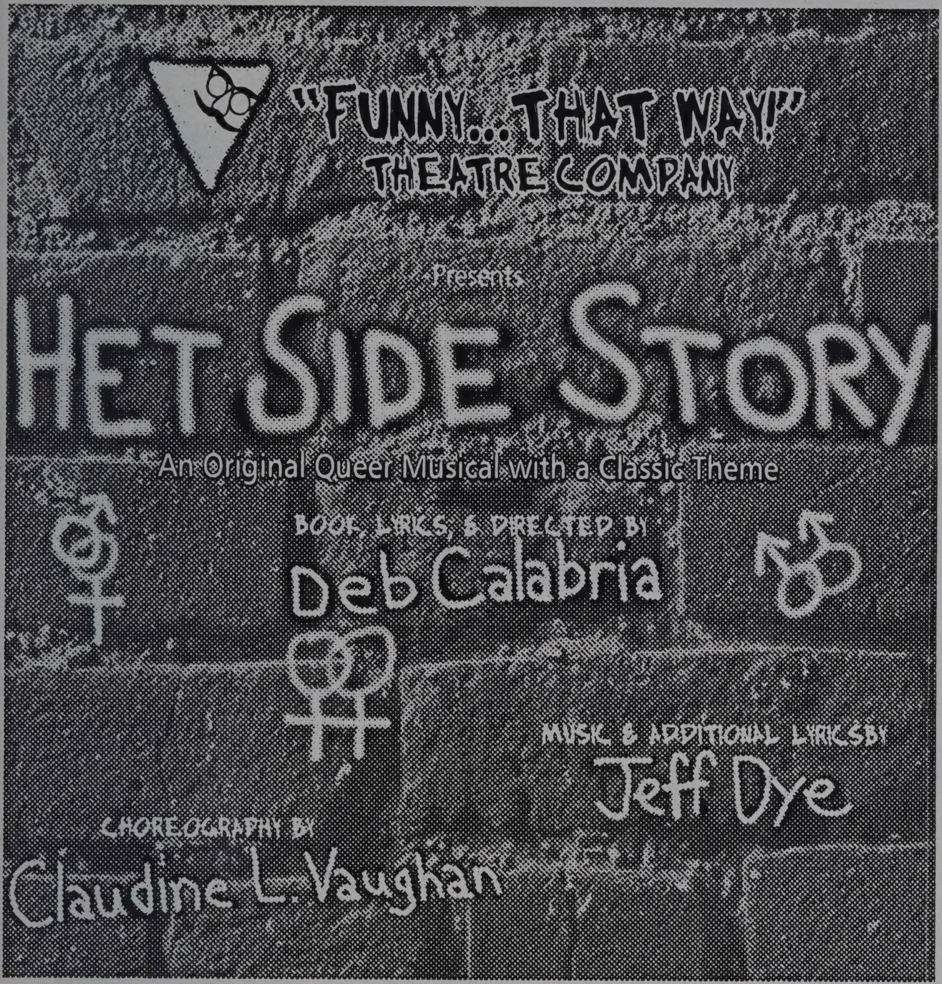
Organized in Coalition for the Elections (LGBT VOICES '96). Other national members of the coalition include the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the national Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization. The Log Cabin Republican Club of San Diego is also listed as a campaign supporter.

LGBT Voices '96 Co-Chair Tony Valenzuela, a San Diego activist, announced a five-point platform for the convention campaign: 1) legal protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation; 2) recognition of the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families, including the right to adoption, child custody, foster parenting and marriage; 3) acknowledgment and condemnation of anti-gay prejudice, intolerance and violence; 4) increased funding for research and quality, accessible health care for people with HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and other serious diseases and 5) school- and community-based support for LGBT youth.

Valenzuela also unveiled a "statement of solidarity" supporting affirmative action, federal assistance programs, immigrants, the separation of church and state, legal abortion and other issues.

"We will demonstrate our values and our vision of a society that prioritizes fairness over profit, compassion over fear and critical thinking over the narrow-minded and simplistic rhetoric that is so prevalent in American politics, policy-making and culture," Valenzuela told the



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As the rally continued, attendees signed up for numerous committees that will run the gay campaign, which will include political, educational and cultural activities. According to literature distributed at the rally, the coalition also intends to "expose the anti-democratic agenda of the religious political extremists within the Republican Party."

Two demonstrations are also planned – a "queer march and rally" on Aug. 12, and a "multi-issued progressive communities" march and rally on the convention's closing night, Aug. 15. A town hall meeting and a "Queer Youth Speak Out" on Aug. 13, and a dance celebration Aug. 14, are also scheduled. The group is also coordinating workshops between May and August covering such issues as countering anti-gay violence, working with the media, protecting the rights of protesters, fighting the religious Right and linking gay issues to race, gender, class, etc.

NGLTF Executive Director Melinda Paras told the crowd San Diego's lesbian and gay community is well-equipped to tackle "this incredibly important moment in history."

"The whole world will be watching San Diego. What better time for us to respond to what has become the Republican agenda of recent years?" said openly lesbian San Diego City Councillor Christine Kehoe. "What better time will there be for us to stand up and demand justice and equality for every single American?"

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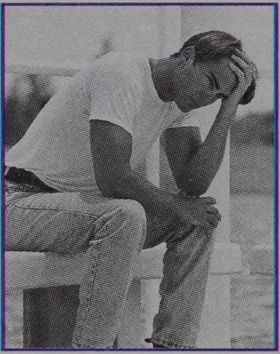

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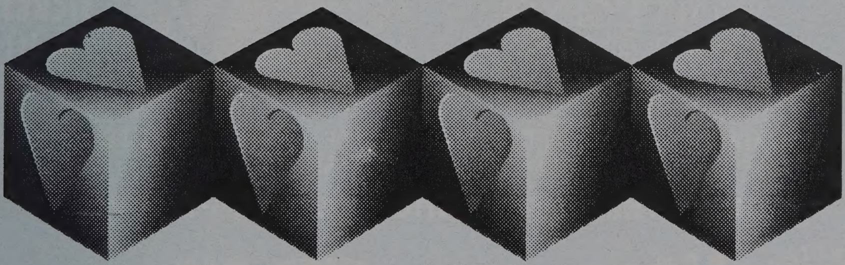

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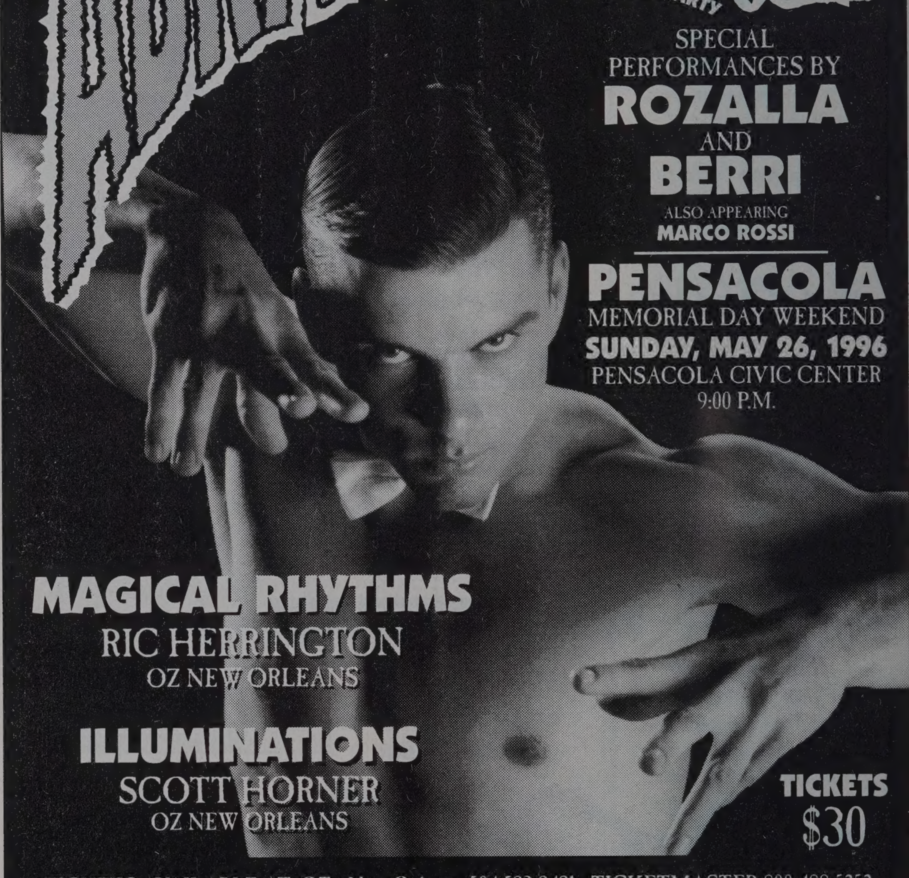

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TALES FROM THE BANDIT QUEEN

From Manchester, England, the band Bandit Queen is currently on tour in the U.S. to promote their new CD, entitled "Hormone Hotel."

"This country is so big," lead singer Tracey Godding offers with a note of amazement. "It's actually like a lot of different little countries, because all of the states are so different. I think so far, we must've driven more than 11,000 miles."

Godding and her bandmates, Janet Wolstenholme and David Eric Galley, will perform in Chapel Hill, N.C. May 5, Columbia, S.C., May 7, and Atlanta, May 8.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to see the South," she offers. "Most of the time all we get to see are hotel rooms and the city from a distance as we drive in. Sometimes we get lucky though, and we get a day off. Maybe that'll happen while we're in Atlanta."

Bandit Queen has risen to the forefront of the British music scene as of late, for their fresh sounding rock music, stylistically augmented by Godding's piercing vocals. Their success has certainly prompted no lack of attention from the UK press.

"Everyone's always trying to categorize us," Godding offers with a hint of discontent, referring to the continuing inquiries about their sexuality. "We see ourselves as bisexual," she explains. "Although I really can't speak for the other band members.

"I've actually been every kind of sexuality," she chuckles. "I was straight in the beginning, and then I was like a lesbian for a bit, but I actually feel a balance at being a bisexual.

"Sometimes, though, I think being bisexual isn't the easiest thing. I mean gay and lesbian people think you're copping out and straight people think you're trying to be trendy and cool. Nobody likes you."

All sexualities aside, Godding points to early New Wave and American alternative bands like The Pixies and Nirvana as influential in their sound, which has been described as both neo-country pop and black-humor-filled rock.

"We also like to play music that is relaxed," Godding explains. "You don't always have to be aggressive. A person is full of many different emotions, you have to let them all out."

See the Homoculture Calendar for performances throughout the southeast.

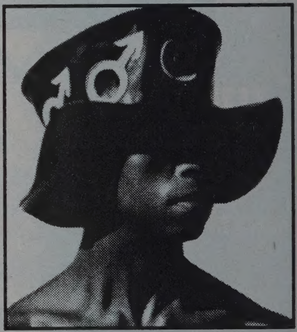
Being bisexual is tough: Bandit Queen comes to The Point, May 8.

AT 800 EAST

Atlanta's off-beat art farm continues its annual tradition of partying with the sixth annual presentation of The Super Style Show. This year's event, entitled "School of Style," features innovative and thought-provoking fashion designs, as well as provocative performance art.

Among the many creative clothing creations scheduled for viewing are Derick Liberski's cartoon prints on men's clothing, Andreen Barrett Harris's "Phat Kat" line of hip-hop femme gear and Wednesday's Child's refashioned vintage clothing. Included in the performance line-up of more than 15 talented exotics are Patricia, Big Ruby, Peg and many more.

The party kicks off May 4, at 7:00 p.m. with a "bad wine tasting." The evening's program of performance and



Karen Clements 92

"Lydia's Lyds" are part of the funky fashion fare on parade at 800 East's annual Style Show Saturday, May 4.

clothing exhibition follows, continuing until 2:00 a.m. For further details, see the Homoculture Calendar.

FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Georgia is awash in partying for a good cause as spring finally peaks out from behind the winter clouds.

On Saturday, May 18, queers and their friends interested in tripping the light fantastic can do so at the annual Boybutante Ball in Athens, Ga. Hyped as the largest event of its kind in that area, the Mardi-Gras-themed dance party attracts more than 1,000 to have fun and raise money for the AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia (ACNG). The party begins at 9:00 p.m. at Athen's 40 Watt Club.

In Atlanta on the same night, Joining Hearts will hold their annual fundraiser party. This year's event, "Imagica," offers party-goers the chance to dance in the futuristic settings of SciTrek, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

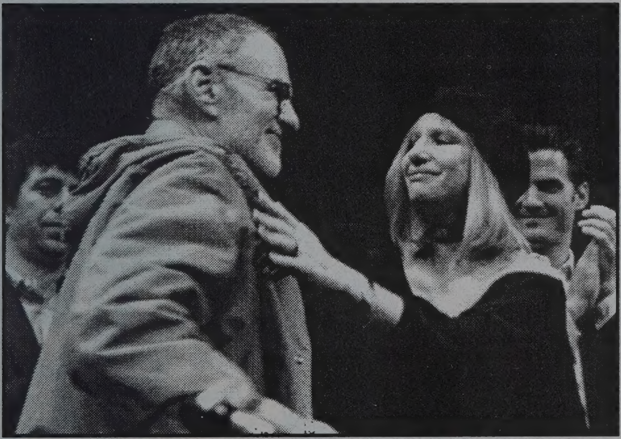
The following night, Sunday, May 19, ACT-UP Atlanta will hold their fifth annual "WigWood" party and fundraiser in the parking lot between the clubs Kaya and The Metro. In years past the event, touted as Atlanta's own version of Wigstock, has attracted huge crowds, all dragged out in funky wigs and hip costumes to catch the hottest in on-the-edge drag performers while benefitting AIDS activism. The Homoculture Calendar offers more information on all these events.

BABS DROPS THE BALL ON "NORMAL HEART"

Despite Barbra Streisand's initial interest in making a film out of Larry Kramer's AIDS-related play "The Normal Heart," her ownership of the play lapsed Jan. 2, of this year, Larry Kramer recently told Variety magazine.

"This woman has had this play since 1986," he explained. "My health is deteriorating and I would very much like to see the movie made while I'm still alive.

"She was all set to make [the movie]," he continued. "At the last minute she switches to a film about a woman who gets a face lift. I didn't think that was very decent of her to do to me, her



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THE WAY THEY WERE: Larry Kramer and Barbra Streisand embrace at a staged reading of "The Normal Heart" in 1994.

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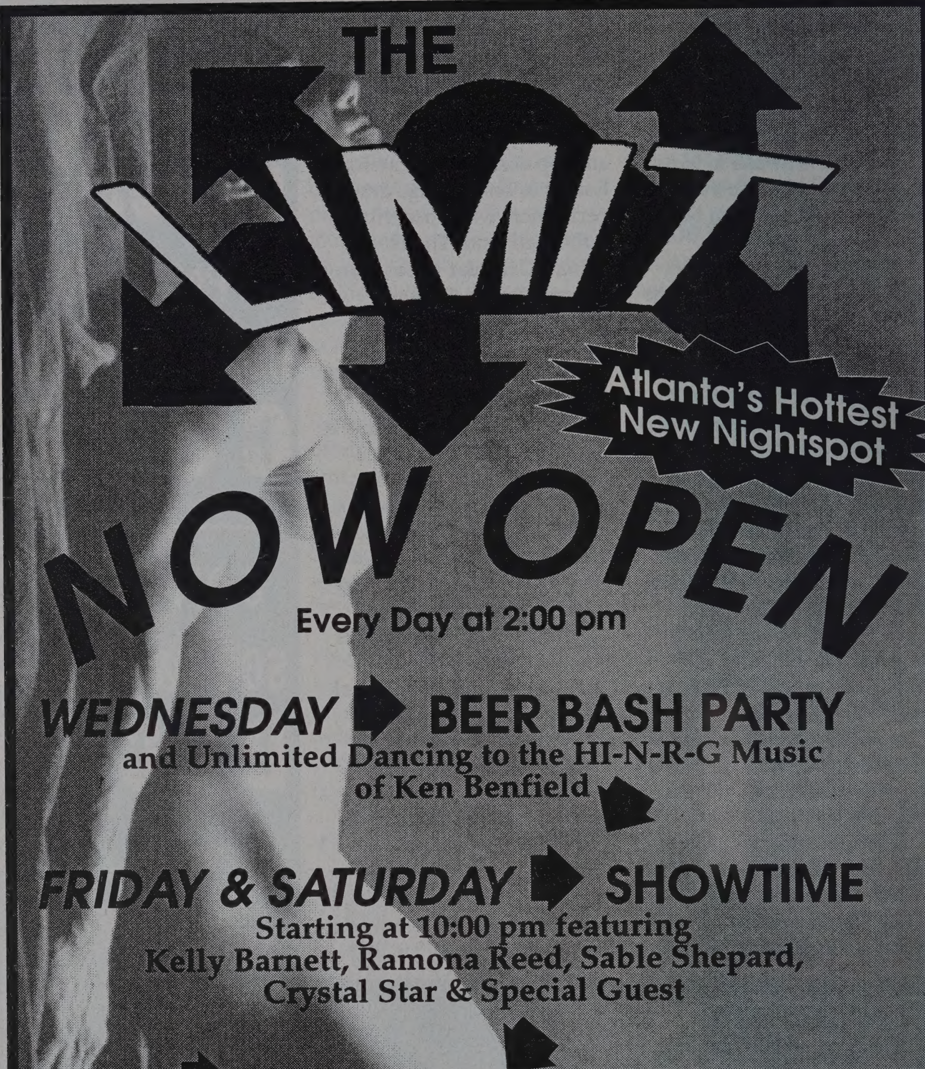

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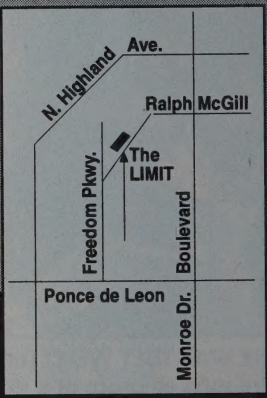
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According to Streisand, all that business just ain't so. "Larry Kramer and I worked together on this project many years ago," she responded in Variety. "A couple of years ago, after Larry unsuccessfully tried to set it up, he came back to me and once again asked if we could collaborate on it. I said yes, although I was in the midst of developing my current film, 'The Mirror Has Two Faces.' I fully intended to be in production this fall with 'The Normal Heart,' but unfortunately my post-production schedule makes that impossible.

"I am painfully aware of the ticking clock for Larry," she continued. "I am now stepping aside and will no longer be involved with the project. I wish Larry only success in getting 'The Normal Heart' made." On a personal note, she added, "I have a strong commitment to projects that reflect and further the needs of the gay community."

Never one to allow another the last word, the verbose Kramer quickly came back with a response, once again in the pages of Variety. "It was long after the fall of Saigon that 'Platoon' was made," he professed. "But with the fall of Streisand, maybe 'The Normal Heart' can move faster. I'll always love her, and I'll miss her, but I now must thank her for allowing me to move forward without her but with her blessing."

No word yet on any other possible producers for the project.

CALENDAR

This Week

friday 5•3

Music Midtown Festival
WAGA Stage: B-52's member Fred

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saturday 5•4

Music Midtown Festival
99X Locals Only Stage: Former Face of Concern member Mark Stowe's band The Stowes. Peachtree St. at Tenth Ave. 770-643-8696.

"Big Guns II"
High-energy dance party benefit for Mobile AIDS Support Services. 9:00 p.m. $20 – $50. Fort Whiting Armory, 1630 S. Broad St., Mobile, Ala. 334-471-5259.

GiGi Denesco
Acoustic vocalist with influences ranging from The Pretenders to Dan Fogelberg. The Otherside, 1924 Piedmont Ave. 404-875-5238.

"School of Style Super Style Show"
Annual funky presentation of fashion and performers. $7. 7:00 p.m. 800 East, 800 East Ave. 404-522-8265.

Human Rights Campaign Dinner
Annual HRC fundraising dinner with entertainment. Features appearances by Dan Bradley of TV's "Frasier" and Chastity Bono. $150. Atlanta Regency Hyatt, 265 Peachtree St. NE. 770-840-6969. Sponsored by Etcetera.

sunday 5•5

Music Midtown Festival
Cotton Club Stage: Euro-pop band Lift. Miller 99X Stage: Feminist musicians Saffire & The Uppity Blues Women. Peachtree St. at Tenth St. 770-643-8696.

Sparky's Poetry Hour
Poetry readings by Alexi Helligar, Denise Dunio and W.B. Reeves. 7:30 p.m. Outwrite Bookstore, 931 Monroe Dr. 404-607-0082.

"PrismFest '96"
Carnival fundraiser to benefit Central City AIDS Network's Rainbow Center. Features live entertainment. 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Camp Joycliff, 1 Joycliff Rd., Macon, Ga. 912-742-0134.

Bandit Queen
English band with an emotional message. 8:30 p.m. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro N.C. 919-967-9053.

tuesday 5•7

Bandit Queen
11:00 p.m. The Elbow Room, 812 Harden St., Columbia, S.C. 803-771-1502.

wednesday 5•8

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thursday 5•9

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Upcoming

friday 5•10

Lisa Vice
Author of "Reckless Driver" signs copies of her latest. 7:30 p.m. Charis Books, 419 Moreland Ave. 404-524-0304.

"This Passion Thing"
Comedy about the danger and necessity of love in the '90s features a gay character. Written by Steve Murray. 8:00 p.m. $12 – $18. Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. 404-584-7450. Through 6•23.

"The Borderland"
New play by Jim Grimsley tells the story of a white collar Atlanta couple torn between the values of modern civilization and country life. Wednesday – Thursday 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 5:00 p.m. $15. 7 Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. 404-523-7647.

saturday 5•11

The Jennifer Perry Combo
Torch and swing vocalist/comedian with band. 10:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m. The Otherside, 1924 Piedmont Ave. 404-875-5238.

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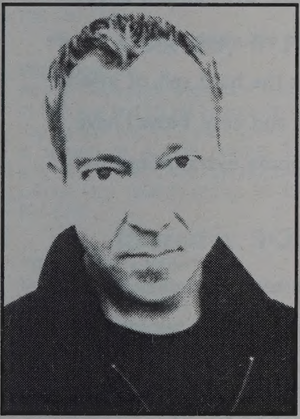

Melanie Nissen

B-52's member Fred Schneider hits the road to promote his solo release "Just Fred." He'll perform at The Midtown Music Festival May 3.

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friday 5•17

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"Het Side Story"
Funny...That Way presents this musical send-up of West Side Story with opposing gangs the Queers and the Hets. Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p.m. $12 in advance, $15 at door. First Existentialist, 470 Candler Park Dr. 404-635-0666. Through 6•1.

saturday 5•18

"Imagica"
Dance party in futuristic sci-fi surroundings of SciTrek. Benefit for Joining Hearts. $30 in advance, $35 at door. 9:00 p.m. SciTrek, 395 Piedmont Ave. 404-872-0600.

Boybutante Ball
Mardi Gras-themed ball to raise money for AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia (ACNG). 9:00 p.m. $10. 40 Watt Club, 285 W. Washington St., Athens, Ga. 706-549-3730.

sunday 5•19

WigWood '96
Atlanta's version of Wigstock is now in its fifth year and it's still a prime time to slap on your wig and have a good time in support of ACT-UP Atlanta. 3:00 p.m. $5. The Metro and Kaya (adjoining parking lots) 1068 Peachtree St. 404-874-6782.

thursday 5•23

"This Island's Mine"
Theatre in Exile presents this humorous and moving play about a group of people – most of them gay and all exiles of sorts – in 1980s London. Opening night presentation a benefit for Youth Pride. 8:00 p.m. $10. Atlanta Dream Hostel, 115 Church St., Decatur. 404-371-9449. Through 6•8. Sponsored by Etcetera.

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Guys and Dolls: Male and female nude revue, Tuesday – Sunday. 2788 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur. 404-377-2956.

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Revolution: The Amber Richards Show, Wednesday, 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. Friday, 10:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m., Sunday, 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.; Godesses, Sunday 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. Ansley Square. 404-874-8980.

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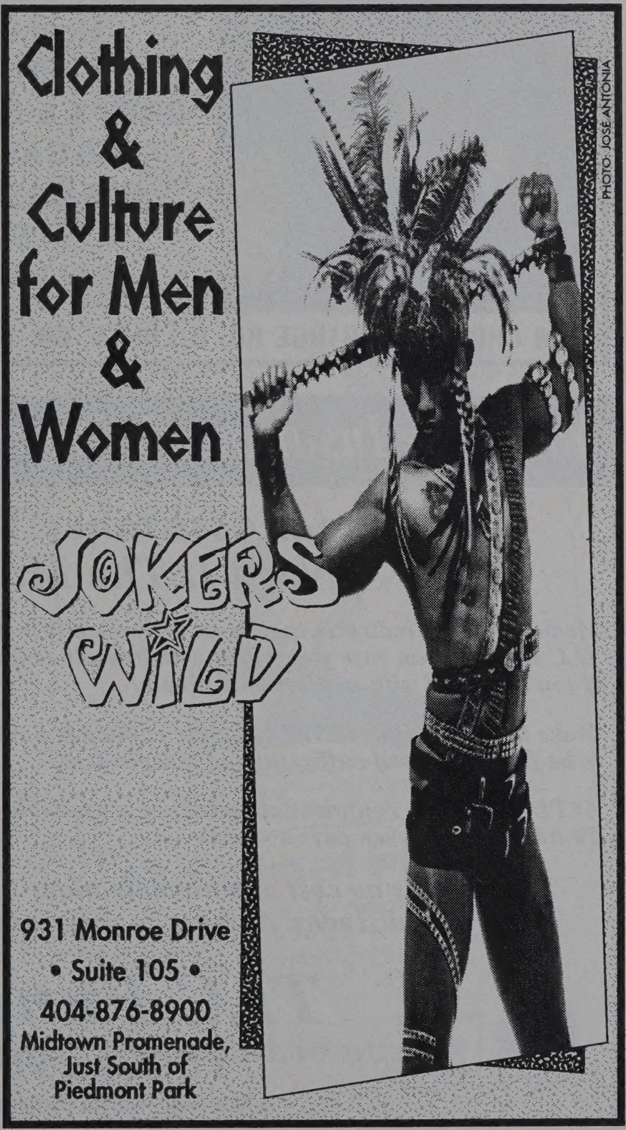
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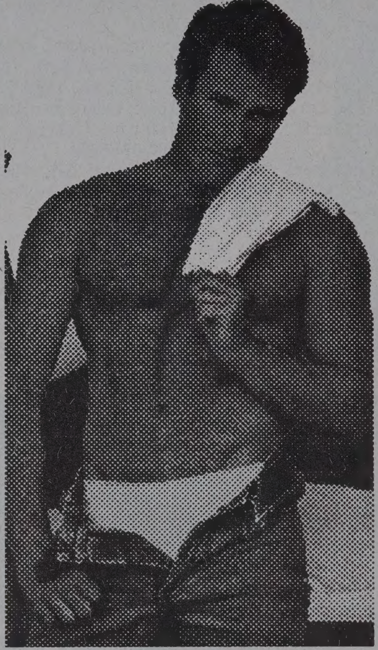

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performing arts

"The Amen Corner"
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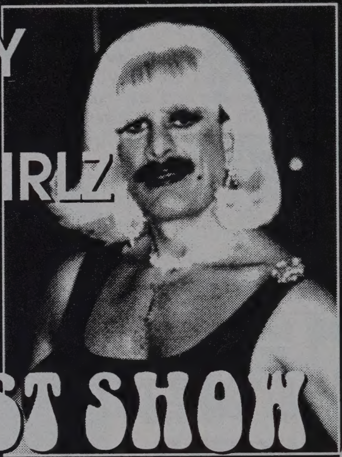

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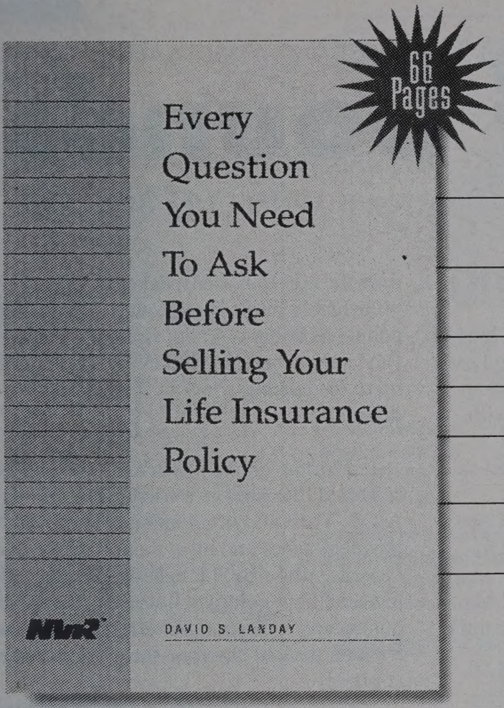

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“Money money money,” the man said. “Gimme some money.”

“Why should I give you any money? I don’t know you,” I said. “Wouldn’t you prefer a chicken leg?”

“You know me! My baby needs milk! My wife kill me if I don’t get that baby some milk. Milk and cookies! Gimme a dollar.”

I stared at him, drumming the steering wheel.

“Are you sure,” I said, “your pickup truck didn’t run out of gas down the road and you need a $1 to get home to your wife and baby in Snellville in time for church this evening? If that’s you, yes, I’ve met you before.”

The man looked at me. A smile spread across his face. Both of us began laughing. I gave him a dollar.

“Tell me another lie,” I said. “What can you invent?”

“Gimme ’nother dollar!” he shouted. “I got a tumor in my eye so I can’t see nothing in this world straight, and they say if I don’t get down to the Gradys this evening, I’ll drop dead of bad sight and leave my sweet woman a widow with no love and, believe me, my woman likes her lovin’. I spent her check and ain’t got no money to get to Grady.”

“Bzzzt,” I said. “A 50 cent’er.” I handed him two quarters. The man grinned, revealing no less than six teeth. He rocked back and forth and began singing an old blues tune, his voice resonant, boozy and wavering, while a voice over the take-out loudspeaker crackled incomprehensibly in the background. I handed him a couple of dollars. A shot fired or a car backfired somewhere on Boulevard, and I pulled up to the takeout window. The man disappeared.

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In Florida, on the beach as the sun set, we scattered the ashes of a friend who died of AIDS. The wind lifted up one handful of the powdery ashes and blew them directly into the face of a passerby. I laughed. She brushed her face and kept going, oblivious: a metaphor for our society’s disregard of AIDS (if not our friend’s wicked “in-your-face” sense of humor at play.)

Before we went to the beach, someone familiar but whose identity I couldn’t recall informed me that another old friend, someone I’d dated briefly, had died just a few days earlier. Yet another friend was dying at Grady.

“You’re a walking funeral notice,” I said. “I’ve backed away from the dying. I couldn’t bear it.”

“It’s the truth,” he said softly. His own lover had died not long ago.

The next day, the group of us laid on the beach. One person, said: “Isn’t this a great country? Where else in the world could the struggling middle class lay on the beach and go to pieces?” He put his hand to his forehead. We laughed.

Two of the women, lesbians, talked about their plans to go to China to adopt an orphan in a few months.

That night, it stormed heavily, and I awoke repeatedly to thunder and white flashes of lightning. Once, my boyfriend was standing at the windows, watching the storm, and he seemed to disappear and reappear in the strobing light, like the shooting star my dead friend called himself once in something he wrote. I felt my heart breaking.

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A stranger introduced himself to me as I bit into my bagel. I looked up at him.

"I know you," he said. "You're just like me."

"I am?" I said. "Tell me more. Who are you?"

"Nobody special," he said. "I read your columns, but I've seen you around, too. Don't you remember?" He winked. I blushed. (*I'm so oblivious*, I thought.) "But I saw you in pain once. You were carrying your pain; it was hard to see…."

"I'm embarrassed," I said.

He leaned down and kissed me on the forehead and walked away.

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I used to be one of those compulsive runners you see

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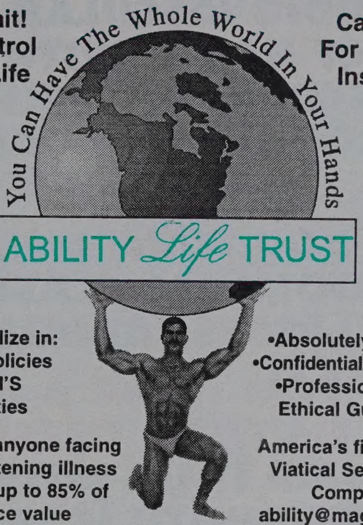
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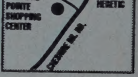
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I switched to less solitary gyms and "safe" technology, like stationary bikes and stairmasters, and now I go to one of those health clubs that cater to downtown professionals.

The man on the adjoining stairmaster one day recently began ranting to me about welfare cheats, Clinton, etc. He was young and that shocked me. I increased the speed on my stairmaster. If you "climb" fast enough, the effort makes speaking impossible.

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ASTRAL PROJECTIONS

by Ava Voorhis

TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* It's not easy when you don't get what you want. Your bull-headed perseverance usually has a way of seeing everything through to the finish, but some things are just beyond your reach and out of your control. You need to accept that, so you can start by deciding what is attainable and what is not.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Mail correspondence (snail mail or email) brightens your week, and now you can start making those plans in earnest. This is not the time to ignore the obvious, so make use of all your information sources. Above all, listen to what those around you have to say. You can even learn a thing or two from people you don't like. Spend this week with an open mind.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Most moonchildren are all too familiar with stomach problems, since you're the masters of internalizing problems. But rather than spelling relief by chomping on Rolaids, why not try figuring out where the stress factors are in your life and do something about them? Sure, there's no such thing as a stress free existence, but in your case, there's a lot of room to cut back on.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Gee, who's that with that cute pout over there in the corner? It must be yet another Leo with a wounded ego. Your heart is very big, and nine times out of ten you really do mean well. But on that tenth time when your motives are less than direct, you also seem to get busted. So why do you continue to do it?

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* A misunderstanding is cleared up but not before a bunch of unnecessary side stepping around the real issue. So where'd you learn to dance so well? You're usually quite direct, but not this time. That's okay, though, sometimes the quickest way to get from one point to another is not the most direct.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* A little soul searching never hurt anyone, and you're doing your fill of it lately. So why are you having so much fun at it? You're enjoying life right now, and it shows. You're set on your path of self discovery, and everything around you is bigger than life itself. It's no wonder that you feel like a kid these days.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* A friend or relative might be demanding too much of you right now, and it's about time to reassess those all too important boundaries. It may even be that your standards of what you will accept in others' behavior has changed. If so, don't be afraid to say so. Most people will learn, if you make the effort to teach them.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* You love your toys, and this week finds you going a bit crazy with a new purchase. Have at it! You're a kid at heart, and lately it's been all the more apparent. Just remember to share and clean up your mess when you're finished.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Give that poor head of yours a rest, would you? You do love to over-analyze. Even Cappies get tired of the ceaseless ponderings that your sign is known for. If things are getting a bit too heavy for you, get out, do something different or call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. Sometimes the best way to think about life is not to.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* For all of your supposed distance and detachment issues, you're also the idealist who wants to believe the best of people. Consequently, you can find yourself getting burned a lot more than the rest of us, which is a shame, because that same idealism is what the rest of us like so much about you.

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* You might cover more ground if you keep your side comments to yourself and try to give others the benefit of the doubt. You say that you want to accomplish certain goals, but sometimes your own actions undermine the very thing you say you want. If you're not getting any closer to the finish line, check out what's really going on with you.

ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* An area of your life needs immediate attention, and you're doing your darnedest to avoid it. In fact, if you'd spend half as much time addressing the problem as you're spending on avoiding it, you might actually eliminate the problem. But hey, I guess that's too easy.

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"What do you want to do?" Pat was trying not to be rude, but she didn't have time for this conversation.

"I'm not sure, but I'm pissed," [Jon-Ivan] blurted out, stood there defiantly in the parking lot.

Pat stopped and turned around, a smile playing at the corners of her mouth. "Well, that's all it takes."

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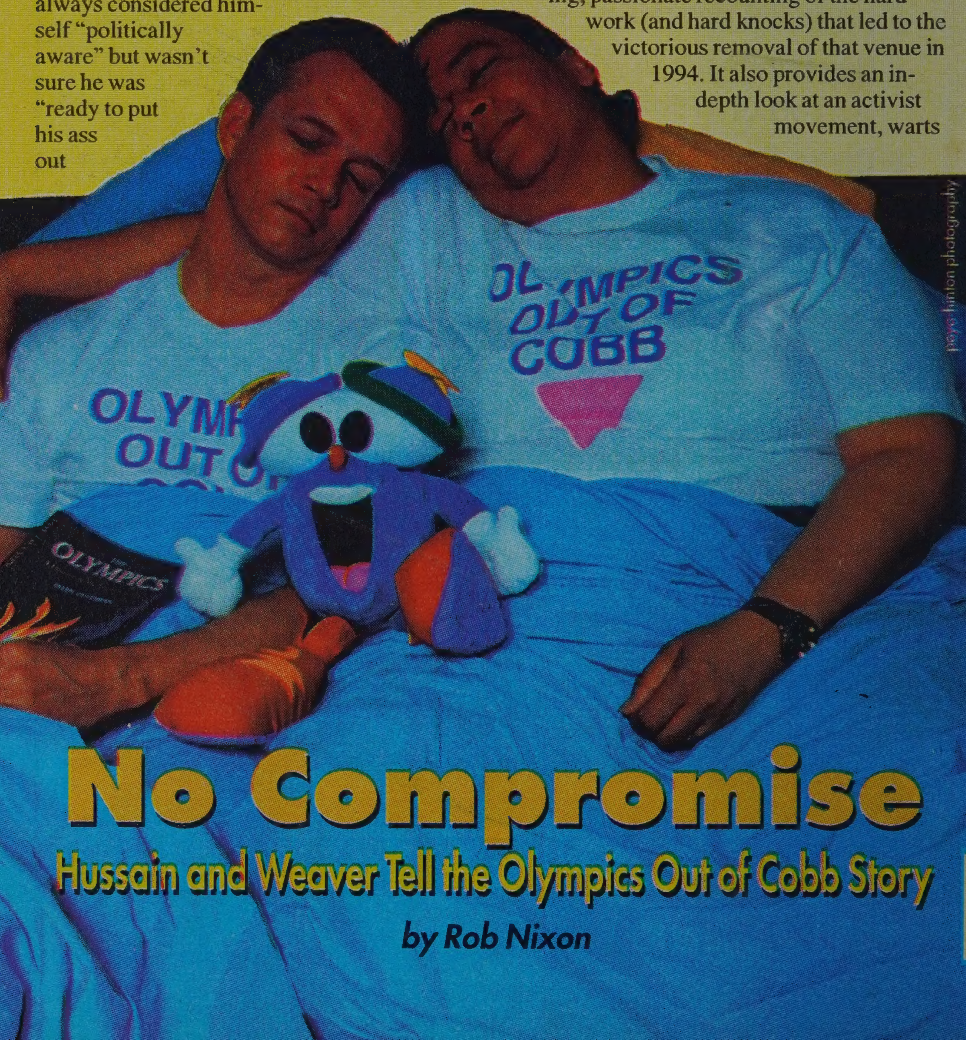
At one level, it's the story of an unlikely couple: Pat Hussain, a self-described "pissed-off Southern black dyke" with a long track record of activism, and Jon-Ivan Weaver, a gay white business owner who had always considered himself "politically aware" but wasn't sure he was "ready to put his ass out front." Yet they were drawn together by what they have in common – an intense anger sparked by injustice, a commitment to fight for what they believe in and a determination not to give an inch on seeing that the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in no way benefit Cobb County, Georgia, home of the now world-infamous anti-gay resolution passed in 1993.

For anyone who has been under a rock the last few years, Weaver and Hussain led a coalition called Olympics Out of Cobb (OOC) in response to the announcement that a volleyball venue would be held in that county during this summer's games. Their book, "Olympics Out of Cobb: Spiked," may not win any literary awards, but it is a fascinating, passionate recounting of the hard work (and hard knocks) that led to the victorious removal of that venue in 1994. It also provides an in-depth look at an activist movement, warts



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No Compromise

Hussain and Weaver Tell the Olympics Out of Cobb Story

by Rob Nixon

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Jon-Ivan: This came from the heart, a very simple issue of right and wrong. We weren't willing to compromise; that was never an issue. We told them from the beginning it was going to be our broken bloody asses in '96 because we weren't going to go away.

Pat: It was one of the things that drove the coalition. Everything we did, all our meetings with ACOG [the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games], was all about getting the Olympics out of Cobb. It wasn't about getting something for ourselves or "This is what we say we want, but we'll take this." Because it's not okay, when people are oppressing you and hurting you, to say, "Well, okay, this time they aren't slapping me as hard." When somebody's hurting you, you should say ouch.

ETC: On that subject, probably the "juiciest" part of this book is what it reveals about the difficulties you encountered within the gay community itself – the refusal by many groups and individuals to get involved in this fight and the struggles over image and strategy. You talk about a night when some well-known community leaders leaned on you to put "respectable" men in suits out front rather than "angry activists," about attempts by certain people to broker compromises and make deals with ACOG, about how gay insiders in the mayor's office and elsewhere tried to co-opt the process. You're probably going to get the criticism we in the gay press get all the time, that we should always present a united front as a community and never air our internal struggles. What made you decide to talk about these things?

Pat: The decision [to write about people in the gay community who opposed some of OOC's work] really came down to, are we really going to tell the whole truth of what happened? People can draw their own conclusions about the meetings with ACOG, the meetings held in [Jon-Ivan's] house, the protests. People are going to say, "That's a terrible thing they did," and others will say "That's wonderful," and they'll both be reading the same page. This shows some of the nuts and bolts about activism like this, telling what happened on both sides.

Jon-Ivan: This is a narrative, not an attempt to paint a good or bad picture of anyone. However people perceive this is up to their interpretations. There were a variety of reactions to everything we did, like the traffic slowdown [when a handful of activists in cars tied up interstate traffic from Cobb]. There was disagreement around that and how it would be perceived. In the beginning, people told me I was offending people just by expressing my concern about the Olympics being in Cobb!

ETC: It shows in a very specific way, the discussion we've had for 25, 30 years or more – the best way to present

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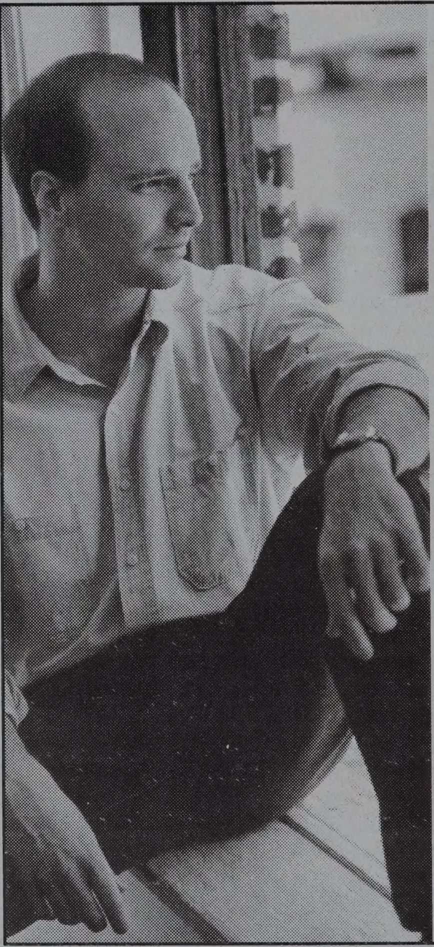
Pat: You have to decide what it's worth to you, what you're willing to do. I know people believe that if you have entree into the boardroom, then that's where you must do your work. I think when you surrender your right to go into the street, you cut off an avenue of expression. I don't melt into a sea of white. I'll never be able to put on a suit and pretend I'm a white man. I will always be different. And my struggle has always been to see to it that different is all right.... If you're working in the system, you have to be sure you don't create something that's okay for you and slams the door in the rest of the community's face. If you're not willing to live up to that, it's time to back away.

Jon-Ivan: For me, being gay means I already don't fit. That's why the night of the Men in Suits Meeting, as we call it, I was in shock. It just hit me so hard. As a child I'd been told you dress funny, you talk funny. I'd gotten beyond that. But then here I was being told the same thing by my own community.

ETC: The book very effectively sweeps the reader up into the victory of having the venue moved. Then at the end, there's this gut punch – the admission last summer by ACOG President Billy Payne that the Olympic Torch would be run through Cobb. You've called for a nationwide protest. Although there was tremendous support for moving volleyball, people seem more divided about the Torch. They won't say it on the record, but some community leaders have told us they would



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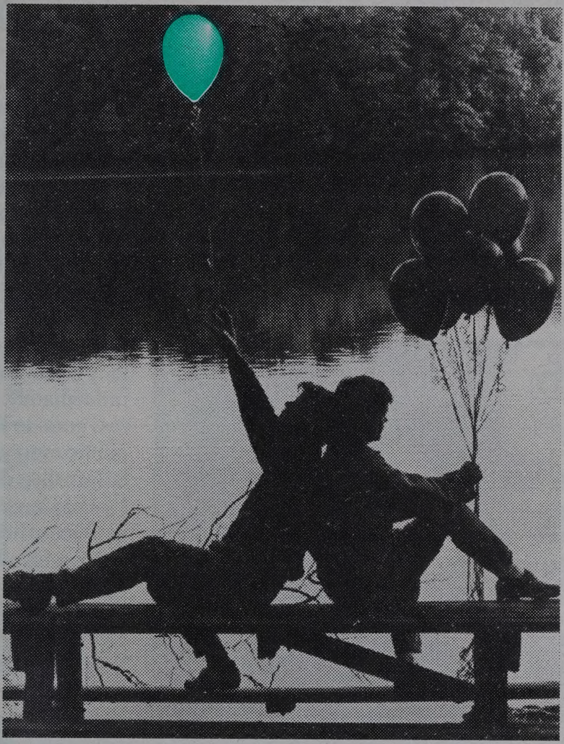

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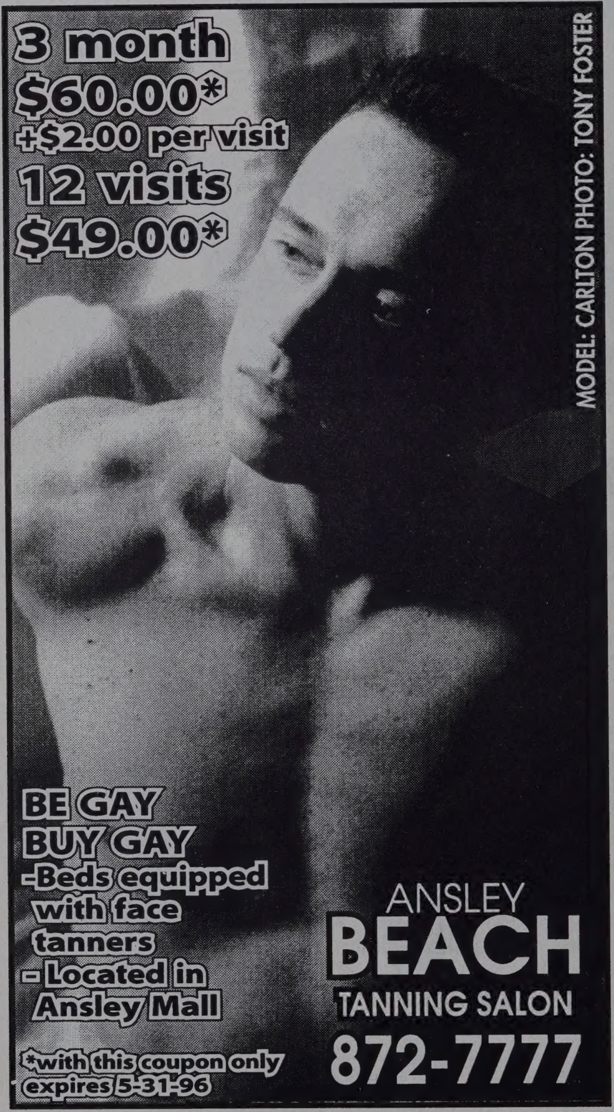
support the idea of an open gay – Greg Louganis, Martina Navratilova, even Candace Gingrich – carrying the Torch through Cobb.

Jon-Ivan: This isn't about who's running the Torch. It's about ACOG doing the wrong thing.... Gays and lesbians have to decide whether that 15 minutes of fame is worth running through a county where they're singled out for discrimination and hatred. These things have a price.

Pat: Before they even get to Cobb County, they're putting that Torch into over 9,500 hands. They need to make no presumptions about what anyone will do when they get it in their hand.

After this interview was first conducted, ACOG announced April 19, the Torch would not go through Cobb County. We've talked to Pat and Jon-Ivan since that announcement and included some of their comments.



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ETC: Since the announcement that the Torch wouldn't go to Cobb, some of your public statements seem less jubilant and more cautious than they were when the volleyball venue was moved.

Pat: [ACOG] allowed a controversy to swell when they could have killed it immediately. It doesn't feel real good to know that a public outcry is required before they do the right thing. I would have been a lot happier to hear this in July 1995, a few days after Payne's statement. I'm suspicious of ACOG; you can't turn the light off when they're in a room.

Jon-Ivan: We know they received pressure from corporate sponsors. It's disheartening to think it took nine months of organizing to once again make ACOG uphold Olympic ideals. We've stopped organizing, but we told them this time around we're not going away, we're not disbanding, we're not calling off any protests ourselves. They dragged this out. They need to put out the word about the Torch, and they'd better hurry. They need to be sure everyone along the relay route knows the torch isn't going through Cobb because people were planning to do things. In San Francisco they were going to spill Coke in the streets when the Torch went by.

ETC: Getting back to the book, what do you most hope people get from reading it?

Jon-Ivan: It shows people really can work together if

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they have a focus and something they really want. If lesbian and gay people were all to stand up, all this shit would be over. We'd have our civil rights.

Pat: And when we get our rights – which is going to happen, as distant as it seems right now – then all it will mean is that it will be against the law to discriminate against us. But that's when the real struggle begins. And for that struggle to begin, people have to stand up. It's more about what happens inside you than what happens externally.

"Olympics Out of Cobb: Spiked" can be purchased at Charis Books and More, Outwrite, Brushstrokes and The Boy Next Door in Atlanta or by sending a check or money order for $19.96 plus five percent Georgia sales tax and $5 shipping and handling to Hussain/Weaver; P.O. Box 29487; Atlanta, GA 30359. ▼

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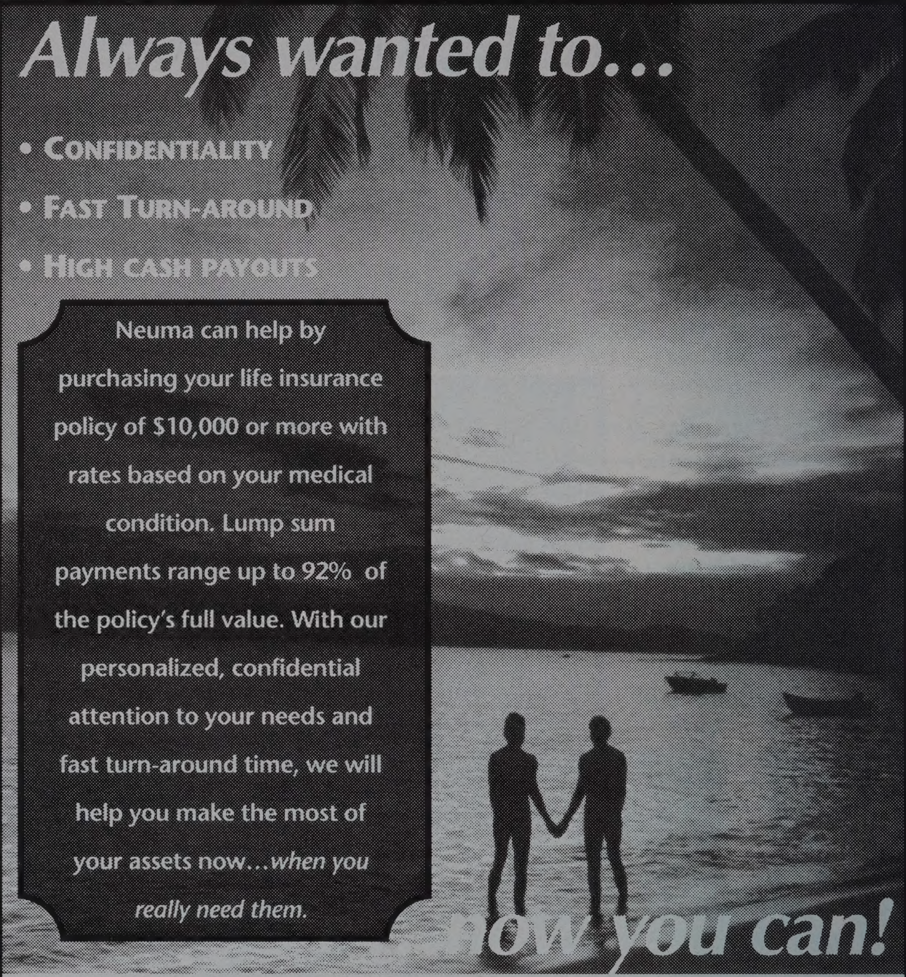

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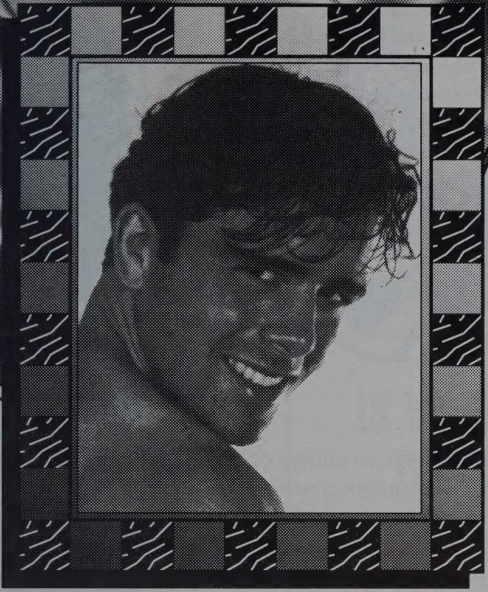

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It's A Gay Town

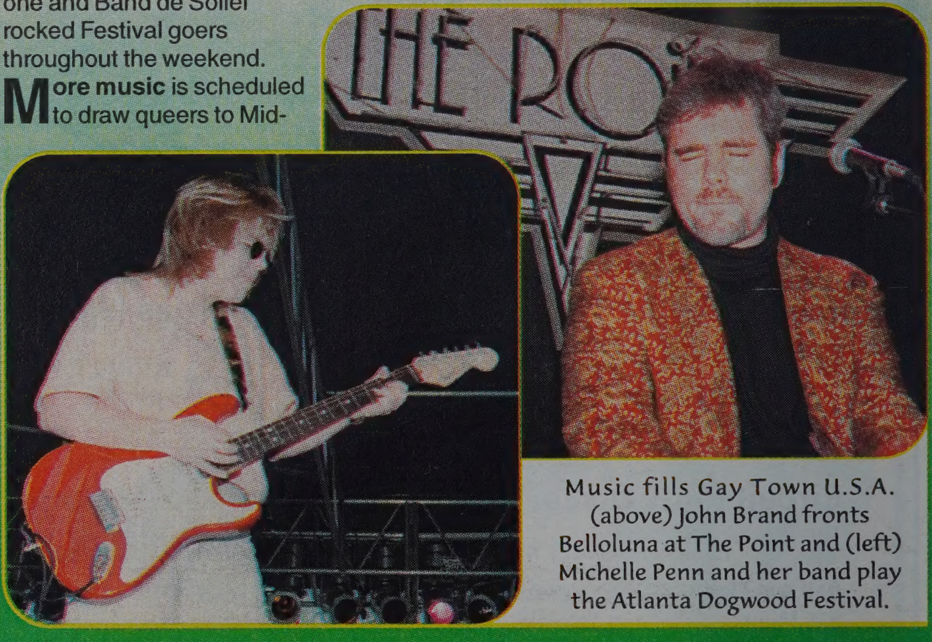
by Elizabeth Elkins

Tori Amos set The Fox Theater on fire during two shows on Sunday, April 14. Whether or not Atlantic Records – who are pushing Amos on the gay crowd (do they need to, really?) – had anything to do with the flaming pink triangle on stage behind her during the first three songs is ponderable. Amos continued to make often vulgar love to her piano and harpsichord through two encores. The Neo-Baroque ethereal stylings of her latest album, "Boys for Pele," made up the bulk of the evening's set list, but many of us were simply left wondering whether or not Amos was wearing underwear.

Daemon Record's lounge act du jour, Belloluna, celebrated the release of their first CD, "Pleasant Music for Nice People," at The Point, March 30. A crowd of 75 to 100 fans filled the bar while John Brand et al swung through a jazzy mix of upbeat and off-the-wall tunes.

The Atlanta Dogwood Festival, April 12 – 14, brought many gay and lesbian artists to 99X's Main Stage. Performances by The Michelle Penn Band and Michelle Malone and Band de Soliel rocked Festival goers throughout the weekend.

More music is scheduled to draw queers to Mid-



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Music fills Gay Town U.S.A. (above) John Brand fronts Belloluna at The Point and (left) Michelle Penn and her band play the Atlanta Dogwood Festival.

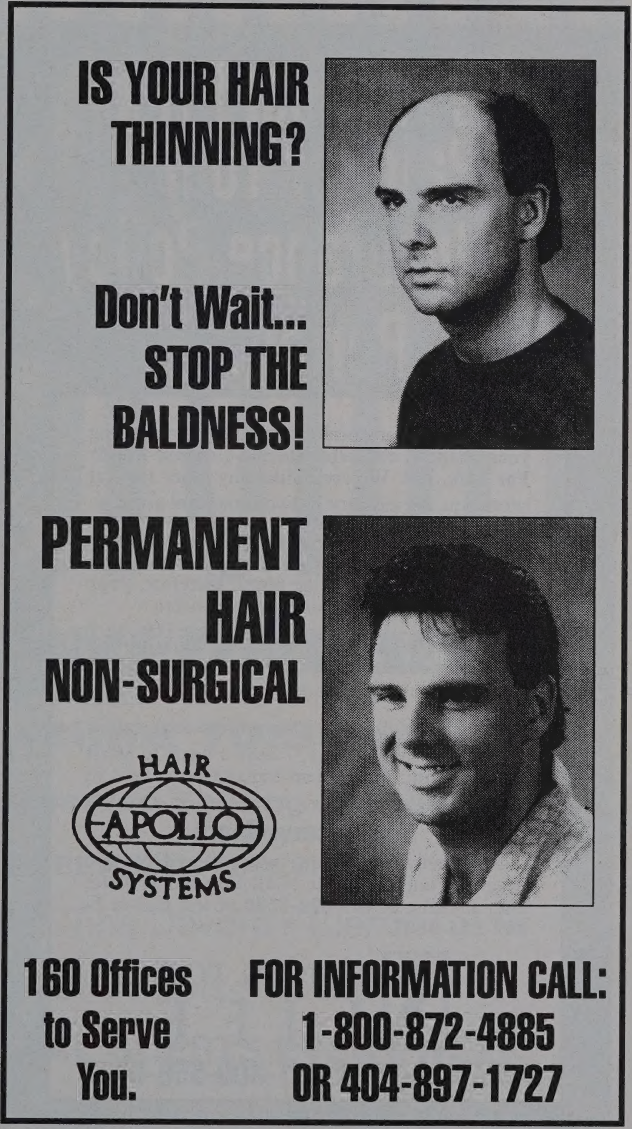
town this weekend. Sans B-52's bandmates Kate Pierson and Keith Strickland, Fred Schneider will play Music Midtown 1996, May 3 – 5. Local artists Dry County and Mary Fortune Express and national bands The Stowes and Saffire & The Uppity Blues Women will join the cast of over 100 live acts set to block access to Peachtree and Tenth Streets.

"We broke even!" Jim Chappeleaux exclaimed. But much to the confusion of many people driving by Decatur's Scott Park on Saturday, April 13, Chappeleaux's Atlanta Gay And Lesbian Arts Festival (AGALAF) was canceled due to early morning rain. Sunday's clearer weather brought an estimated 500 people to the Artist's Market. "We had a total of 700 people for both days last year," Chappeleaux continued. "This year was a definite improvement over last, despite the weather."

Doubling in size is what Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse is doing when it opens the doors of its new location (991 Piedmont, in the old Red Square space) May 15. According to Outwrite head honcho Philip Rafshoon, you have to pay your respects to their old digs by closing time Saturday, May 11.

Membership in the 10% Club definitely has its privileges. Members – who have "no dues, no meetings, no rules and joined at birth" – receive regular mailings of coupons and advertisements for gay-owned and/or supported businesses in the Atlanta area. Founder Sally Ringo calls the club "a marketing service with an upscale mail pack distributed bimonthly to over 12,000 gay and lesbian households." The 10% Club is mailing again in June.

Tim Scott, aka Trina Saxxon, has a new day job. Scott is the manager of the recently (April 13) opened Fifi Mahony's, Throb's answer to *everyone's* make-up and wig needs. The store, located six doors down from Throb on Euclid Ave. in Little Five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More good eatin' makes its way to Little Five Points in the form of Butch & Sissy's Double Wide Cafè on Moreland Ave. The menu promises "double-wide" entrees, desserts and drinks, with a specific emphasis on down-home Southern cooking. Prices are more than reasonable, service is good and the place is hoppin'. Butch & Sissy's serves lunch and dinner, Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Media Mentions: Author E.Lynn Harris' latest, "And This Too Shall Pass," was called a "QB-makes-good tale that winds up as a boy-finds-boy" in the April 7, Atlanta Journal/Constitution. Recent A-town transplant Keith Hartman's gays versus Christianity book, "Congregations in Conflict: The Battle of Homosexuality," also received a review in the AJC. Summer-long "Art in Odd Places" festival co-ordinator Ed Woodham found his way to the front of the "City Life" section of the April 11, newspaper. This hip, cool site sculpture fest starts June 15, in Little Five Points.

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I felt the sweat pouring off me as he droned on about the victimization of white middle class men, the horror of the apocalypse due that weekend (Freaknik), the lush life of the poor and Hillary Clinton's likely illicit love affairs.

I might as well, I felt, be trapped in the drive-in lane at Popeye's again, listening to outrageous lies. But why did those lies entertain me while these made me so angry? Perhaps because the homeless man, the uneducated man for whom life is such a true struggle, knew he was lying while this guy was parroting Rush Limbaugh without a clue of what it really means to suffer poverty. (And the entire conservative vision of the poor *is* a colossal lie. That's been finally revealed by reports of how the Cato Institute engaged in outrageous statistical manipulation of its "study" of welfare incomes. That study, exposed as a lie but still cited even by governors, has become the main argument for welfare reform.)

I stepped off the stairmaster.

"Do you really believe this bullshit?" I said. "Or is this some kind of primal scream therapy for you? I don't think you know what you're talking about."

The man looked stunned. I took a deep breath.

"Hey, I'm just venting," he said. "I don't know...."

I looked around; people were watching or I should say they were pretending not to watch. "I believe you," I said.

I went upstairs and ran laps for the first time in years.

How do we become so isolated from the truth and suffering of others? When did freedom become an excuse to lie?

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This year much of the international media will already be here preparing to cover the Olympics. Let's see every fag and dyke in the South in A-town June 28 – 30! Standing proud with tens of thousands of your fellow queers is a totally thrilling experience – don't miss it!

Hello, Betty Jack?

On the issue of Gov. Zell Miller signing the bill outlawing gay marriage: God did not die and make Zell Miller God. He should not have the right to tell us whom we can and can't marry. Many gays and lesbians don't seem to care whether or not they can be married, but if a heterosexual couple can legally be joined in the eyes of the state by a piece of paper and a two gold rings, the same thing should apply to us. – Marrying Kind, Tucker, Ga.

Amen! Unmarried persons – both gay and straight – are taxed disproportionately and receive fewer benefits than married people. For this reason, I'd like to see our community form an alliance with single straights, who are economically penalized just as we are.

Gov. Miller's action was hardly a surprise to anyone who's observed his political career. Only recently, Miller threw a deluxe Governor's Mansion birthday party for former Gov. Lester Maddox, a racist pig who continues to support white-supremacist, anti-gay hate groups.

Officials like Gov. Miller will get whatever they can out of us, then drop us like a rock. We should return the favor. We need to support those politicians who are really with us and say "screw the rest." Most of all, we need to stop begging for our rights and start demanding them.

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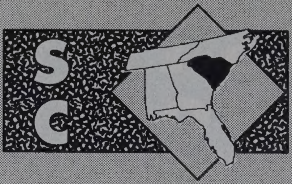

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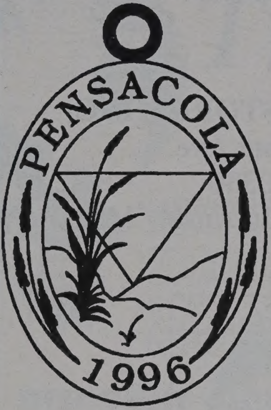

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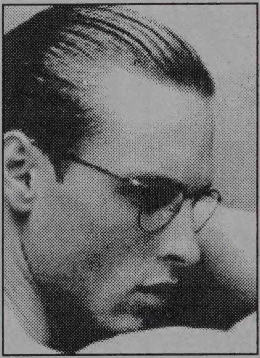

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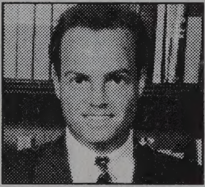

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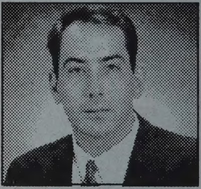

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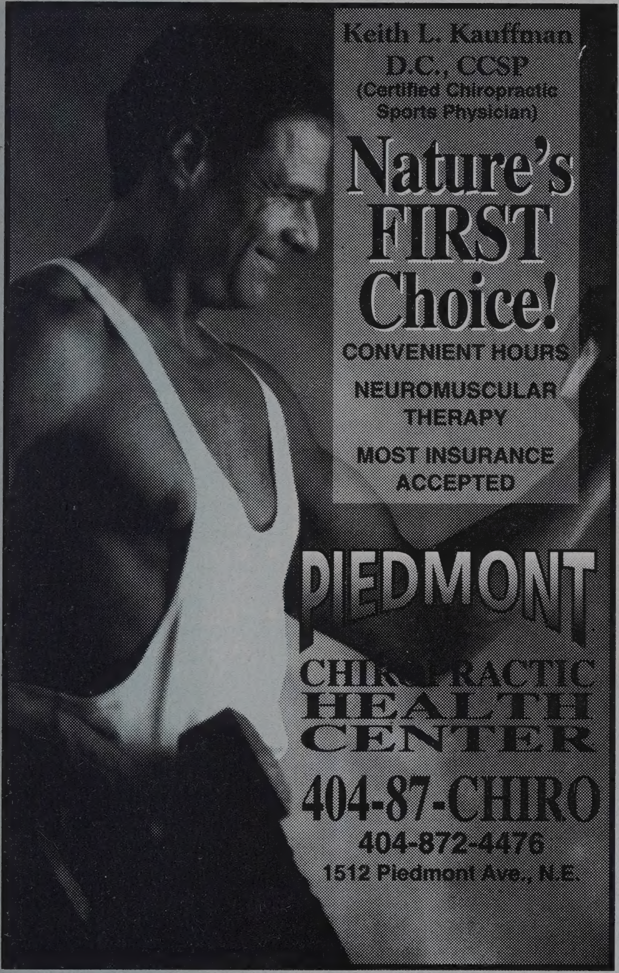

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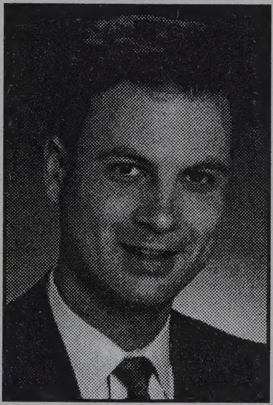

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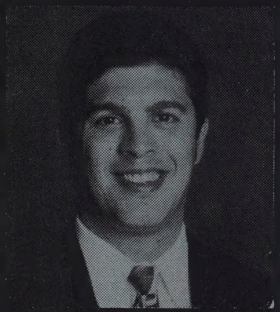

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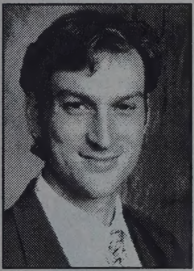

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Long-running hit with the queen of tabloid controversy. Features Martin Mull and Sandra Bernhard in recurring gay roles. 8:00 p.m. ABC.

"NYPD Blue"
Features a gay character named John Irving. 10:00 p.m. ABC.

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"Party of Five"
Mitchell Anderson's back as the gay music teacher with a newly adopted daughter. 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"Unhappily Ever After"
Situation comedy of sorts featuring gay comedian ANT as a gay high school student. 9:30 p.m. WB.

thursday

"Gay Graffiti"
News and information for the gay and lesbian community. 7:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.3 FM.

"American Music Show"
Wacky comedy and talk show. 11:30 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton.

"Friends"
A group of college graduates and their crazy New York lives. Features a lesbian couple with a child. 8:00 p.m. NBC.

OBITUARIES..

MARK EMORY GRAHAM

Mark Emory Graham died at home on April 4, 1996, of HIV disease. Mark was born February 6, 1958, in Tampa, Florida. Survivors include mother Mary O. Graham, father Lloyd B. Graham, Sr., step-mother, Carolyn Graham, a brother, two nephews, an aunt, several cousins, and a large and loving family of friends.

Mark was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, serving as Head Verger since 1985. He was training officer, former treasurer for the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church, served on the board of the Diocese of Atlanta Vergers Guild, and received an award for outstanding service at the National Vergers Conference in 1995. He previously served as Choir Verger at Coventry Cathedral and verger at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he received a degree in music.

Mark was a member of Integrity, the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the gay and lesbian community, serving as Southeastern Regional Vice President, and Covener of the Atlanta Chapter. Mark was co-dean of the 1995 National Integrity Convention held in Atlanta, and was presented the Louie Crew Award for outstanding service to Integrity. Mark was honored with a stained glass window of St. Aelred, patron saint of Integrity in the chapel of All Saints Church.

Mark was former board member and treasurer of AID Atlanta. He had reitred as a banking officer for Wachovia Bank of Georgia.

His funeral was at All Saints Church, April 8, with burial in the church cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Mark Graham Memorial Fund at All Saints Church, 634 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, 30308.

IN MEMORIAM OF JOEY (SHAWNNA) TREST

A star dimmed April 7th, 1996, Joey Trest passed away, after a heroic battle with AIDS. Joey was born September 22nd, 1968, in Saint Joe, Florida and rests in East Point, Florida. Joey's personna "Shawnna LaShell" was dancer, comedian, advisor, friend and diva in Columbus, Panama City, Bowdon, Macon and Apalachicola. Joey is survived by mother, Carolyn, siblings, Jimmy, Diana, Shelley and friend, Tommy. Countless friends miss you. Watch over us, ALWAYS.

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WILLIAM GERRY BECKETT

Mr. William Gerry Beckett died April 16, 1996. Gerry was born in Logan, WV on January 5, 1948. Among Gerry's many accomplishments in life, he graduated from Pikeville College in Pikeville, KY. He also attended the University of Kentucky and he obtained his law degree from Emory University. He was a soldier of the United States Army. He was accepted to the Bar in 1985 and he was a practicing attorney for Beckett-Testa and Associates, P.C. at the time of his death. He is survived by his Aunt, Ms. Estelle Staton and family of Pikeville, KY, as well as his many friends. Funeral services will be held at Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Pikeville, KY at which time he will be buried next to his mother Mrs. Gladys Beckett. We ask that donations be sent in lieu of flowers to Project Open Hand, 176 Ottley Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324 to the attention of Rod Wilson.

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All submissions must include a complete contact name, address (no P.O. Boxes) and daytime telephone number. Failure to do so will cause rejection of submission. Obituaries that include 50 words plus photo or 75 words without photo are free. Additional words are 75¢ each.

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Deadline for announcements is **MONDAY** at 6 pm for the issue that comes out a week from that Friday. **Please limit length to 25 words or less.** Ads will be run a maximum of 2 weeks on a **space available basis**.

The Uniformed Services Activity, 2725 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, a professional resource–referral network featuring legal, education, health care and spiritual outreach, announces its winter enrollment for men and women active duty military; veterans; law enforcement officers.

Homesharing for homeowners and homeseekers living with HIV. Call **"Home But Not Alone"** at 404-875-7881. Marlene or Rita. [19]

The Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club (ACPC) meets every month on the 3rd Saturday at 3:00 p.m. For information and an invitation to join, call the Pledge Master at (404) 653-1107. [19]

National – A health fund has been formed to help meet the medical bills of Leslie Feinberg, author of "Stone Butch Blues" and "Transgender Warriors." Checks can be sent, payable to the Column Foundation and earmarked for the Leslie Feinberg Health Fund, c/o William Sachs Esq., Column Foundation, 370 7th Ave. – 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 830, NY, NY 10001. [19]

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MACON – May 5, PRISM FEST '96 – a carnival fundraising event to benefit Central City AIDS Network (The Rainbow Center). From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Camp Joycliff (off Gray Hwy. on Joycliff Rd.) Live entertainment. For more info call: (912) 742-0134. [19]

"Carrollton Gay Newsletter"

The Triangle, Carrollton's Gay Community Newsletter, is now available free for pick up at "gay-friendly" locations in Carrollton. The newsletter will no longer be mailed. Announcements and Personal ads are free to those living in the West Georgia area. Write: The Triangle, P.O. Box 2383, Carrollton, Georgia 30117.

Pride for Asian Youth (PAY) – 5302 Buford Hwy., Suite B-3, Doraville, GA 30340. (770) 451-4389, (770) 458-9377 (fax). A social/support program for g/l/b Asian-American youth. Contact Jennifer. [20]

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CIGAR SMOKERS AND ADMIRERS! Be at The Eagle on Saturday, May 4th at 9:00pm for the bi-monthly meeting of Hot Ash! Everyone is welcome! [19]

Sometime in the next three months, the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on Colorado's Amendment 2. On the same day the decision is announced (whether favorable or unfavorable) there will be a community gathering/rally at 6 p.m. at the Midtown Promenade outside of Outwrite Bookstore and Transfer on Monroe Drive near Tenth Street. Everyone is welcome. We hope for a large gathering as a message of solidarity to the news media. [21]

All Saints MCC will hold a sidewalk sale on Saturday, May 4th, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at 575 Boulevard, 404-622-1154 (rain delay May 11th). [19]

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API-QXX – a social organization for Asian & Pacific Islander queer women in Atlanta. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month, social events every 3rd weekend of the month. 5302 Buford Hwy., Suite B-3, Doraville, 30340. Phone: (770) 451-4389. fax: (770) 458-9377. [19]

"Getting What You Want" a FREE workshop sponsored by **AID Atlanta** for PWAs. Sat., May 18, noon-3pm at Grady IDC. RSVP to 404-885-6800 x261. [21]

Positive Impact's HIV-Negative Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month. Call Michael Guenther or Ann Leosch at 404-885-9040 for more information. [19]

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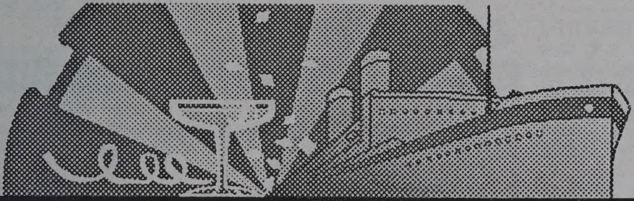
Georgia Equality Project Monthly Volunteer Meeting at the Lambda Center on Monroe Dr. at 7 p.m. Monday, May 6th.

Spanish HIV/AIDS newsletter needs written contributions. Any HIV/AIDS topics as well as socio-cultural notes and announcements are welcome. We will also appreciate volunteer help in editing, typing, graphic design, etc. Call Roger at (404) 521-2518 or Sonya at (404) 616-9817. [20]

The first annual Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network conference is being held May 4th (Sat.), at The Friends Mtg. House in Decatur, GA. Call for a brochure and registration form, and directions at (404) 872-4249. [19]



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Rainbow UGA will be sponsoring a series of awareness workshops during spring quarter that will be open to any interested students, staff, or faculty members. Saturday, May 4 from 11-12:30 pm, Monday, May 6 from 4:30-6:00 pm, Friday, May 10 from noon-1:30 pm, Wednesday, May 15 from 7-8:30 pm, Thursday, May 16 from 6-7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 21 from 3:30-5 pm, Monday, May 27 from 4:30-6 pm, Friday, M ay 31 from noon-1:30 pm. To sign up for a workshop, call 404-542-3183. [20]

May Day PWArty, Saturday, May 4, 8 PM at AIDS Survival Project 828 West Peachtree Street, Suite 206. Anyone affected by HIV/AIDS is most welcome to attend this free party. May Day is a workers' holiday, so wear a worker's uniform. [19]

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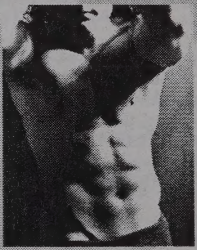

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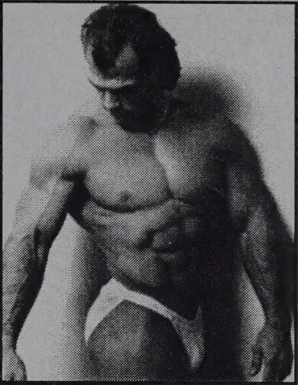

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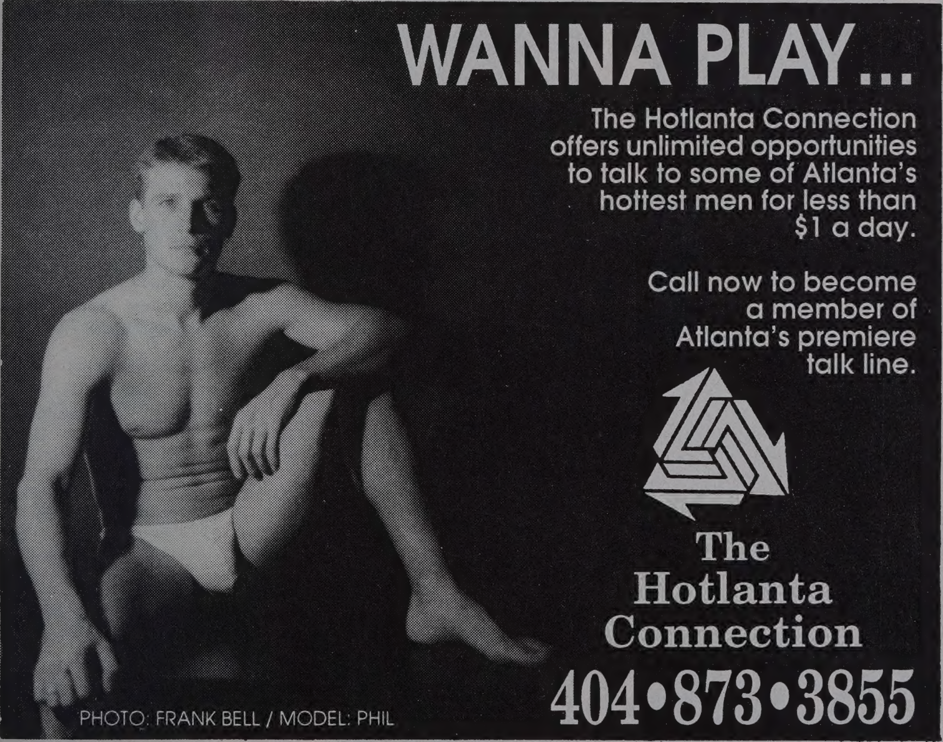

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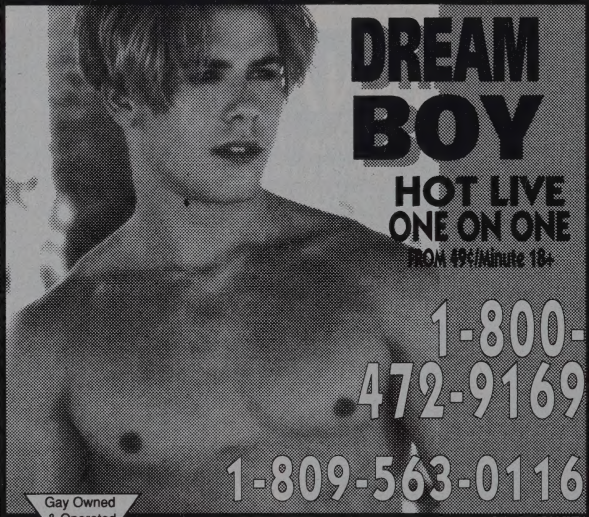
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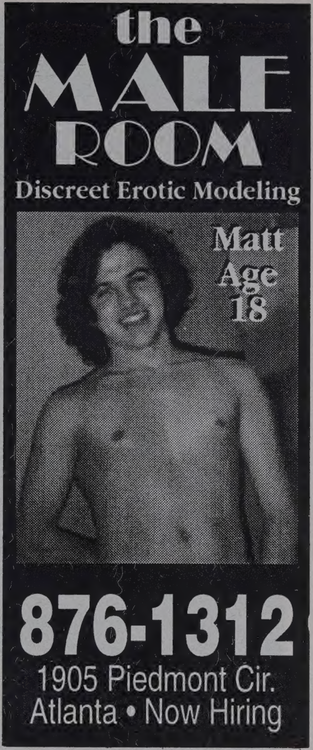

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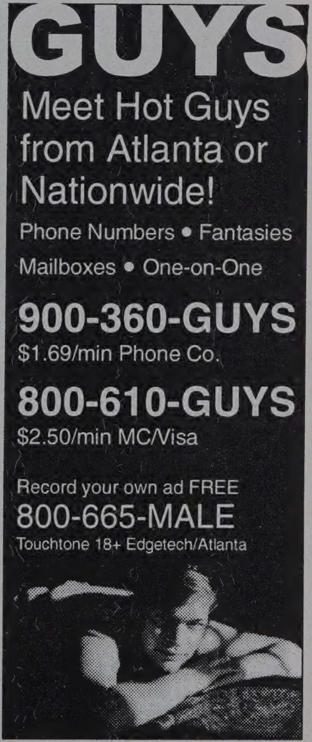

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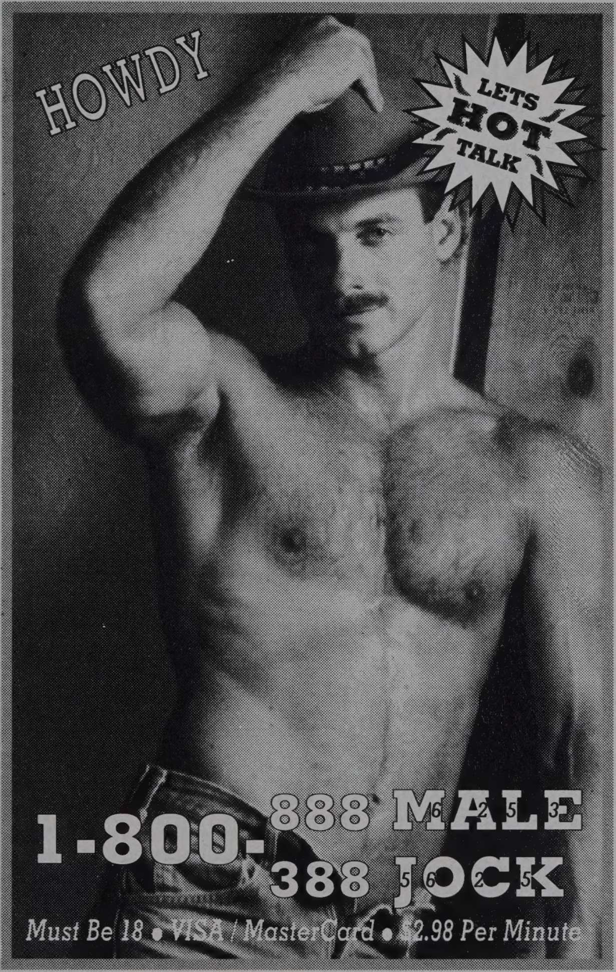

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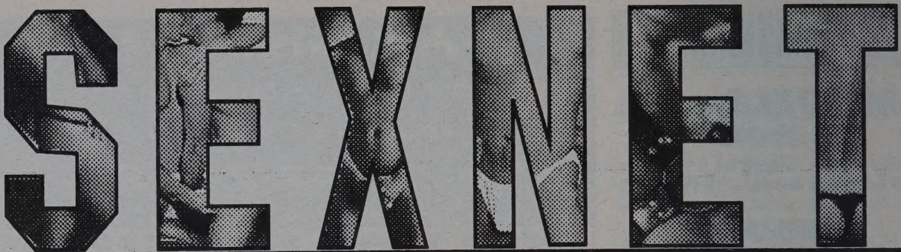

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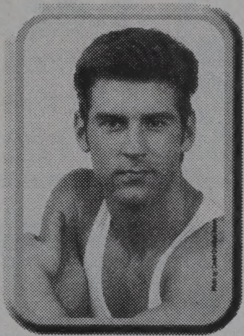

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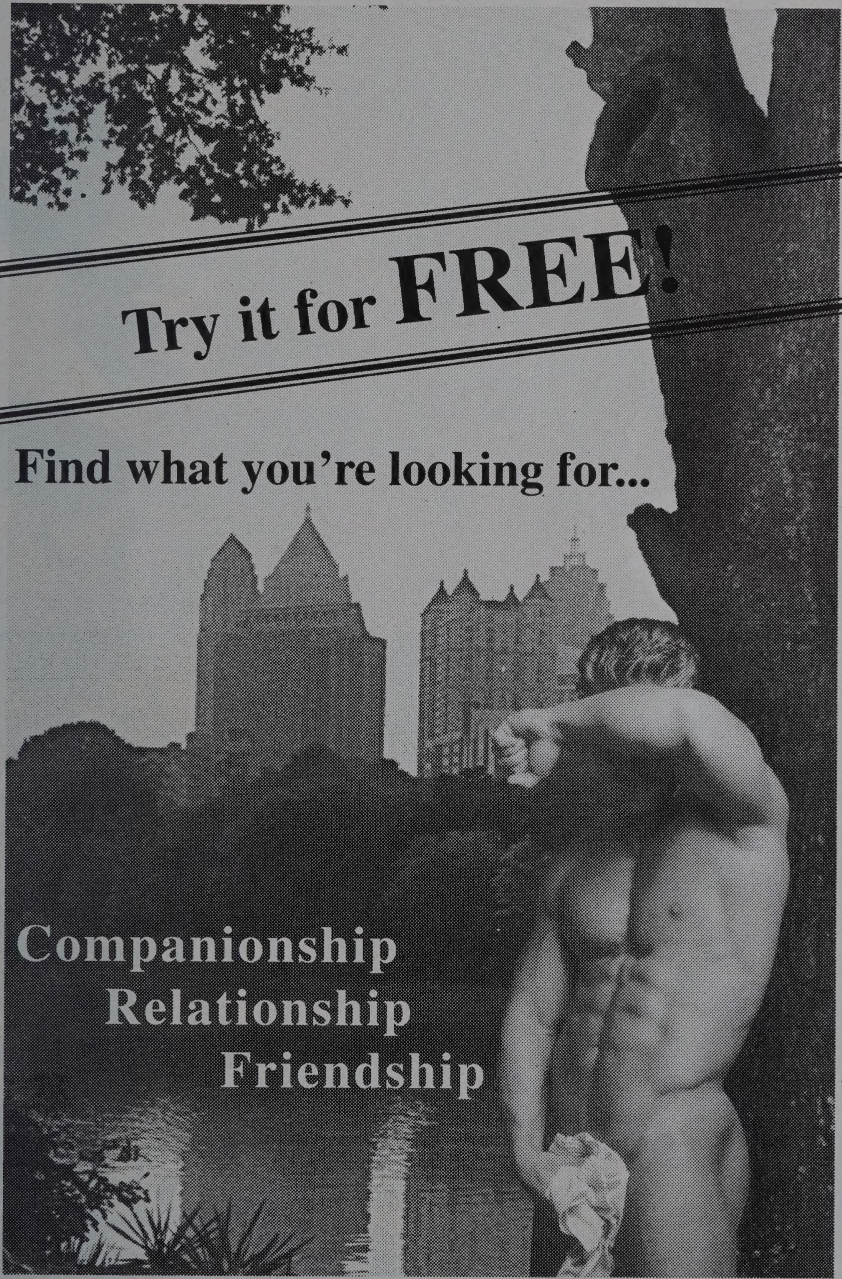
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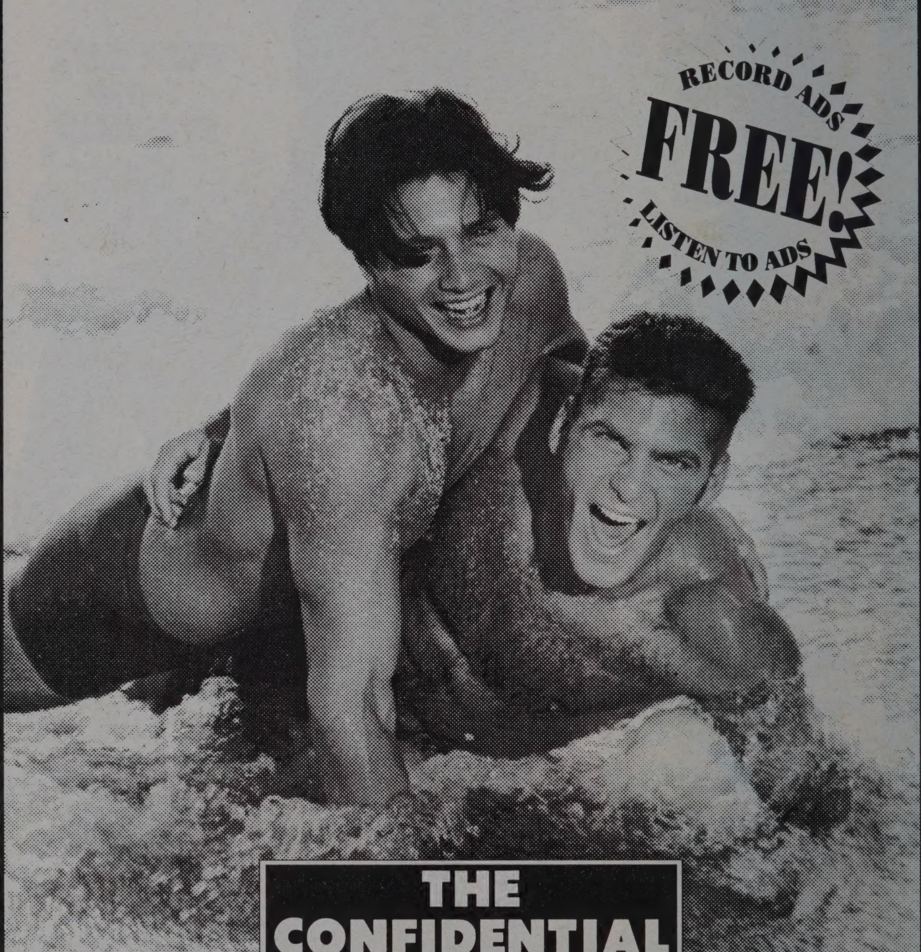

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My name is Steve. I'm a 5'10" tall, gay, black man with a medium build, light brown skin & slightly wavy, black hair. I'm into working out, running, tennis, football, reading, old movies & traveling. I'm not really into the club scene. I'm looking for someone who has similar interests. ***Box 1126.***

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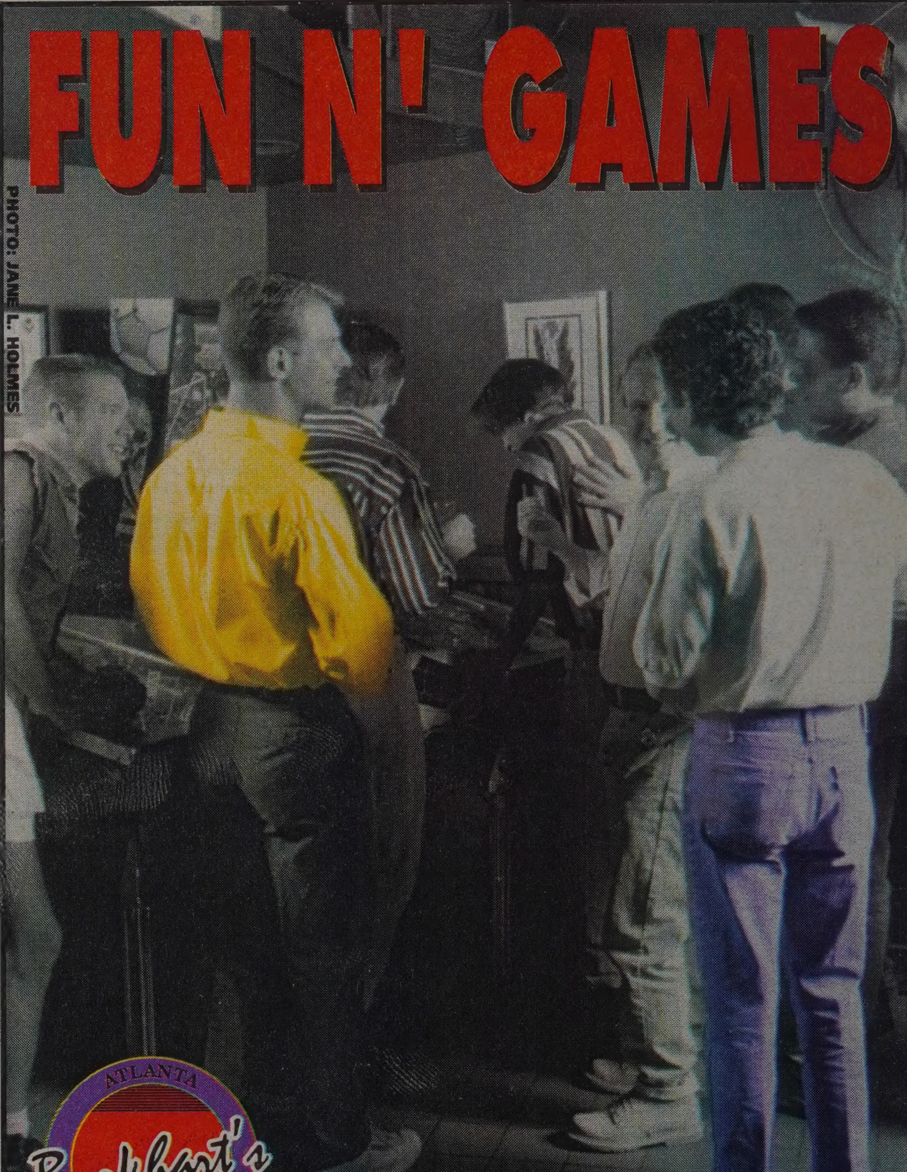
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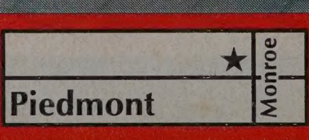
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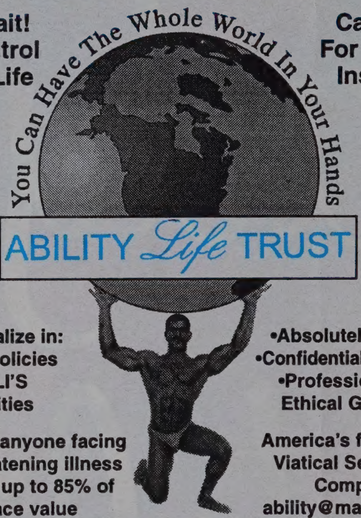
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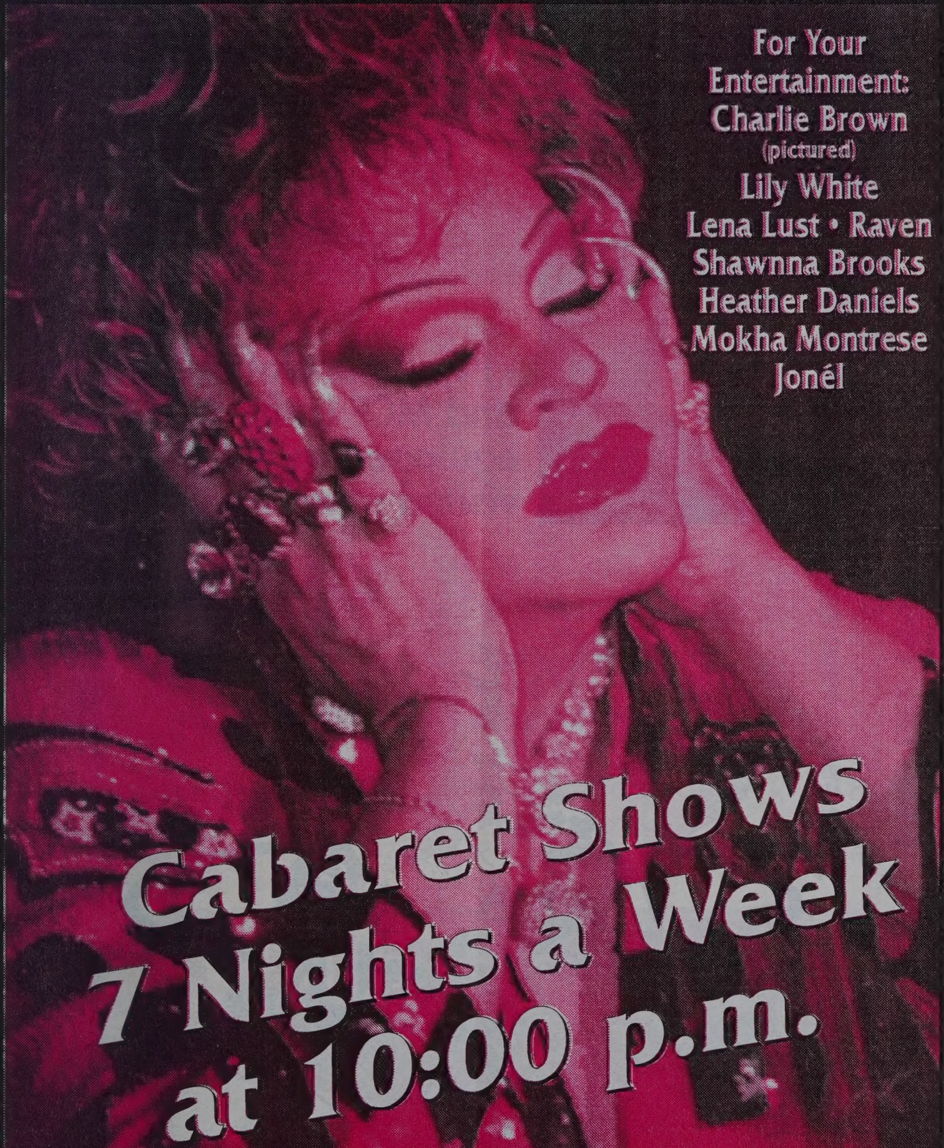

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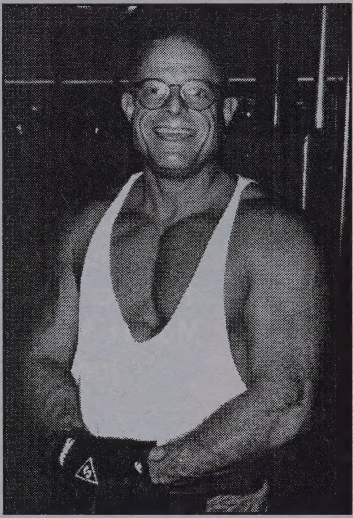

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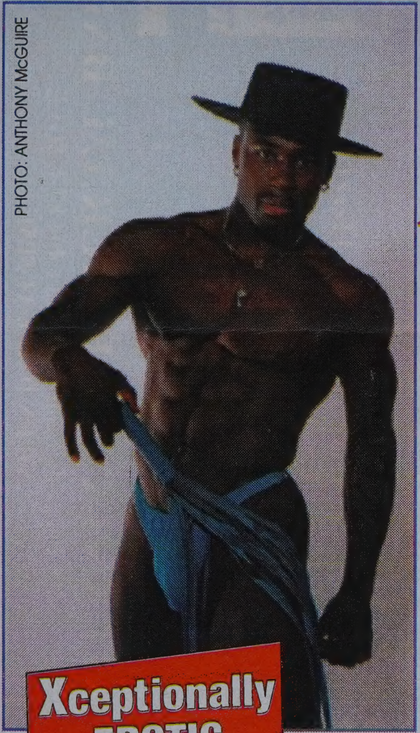

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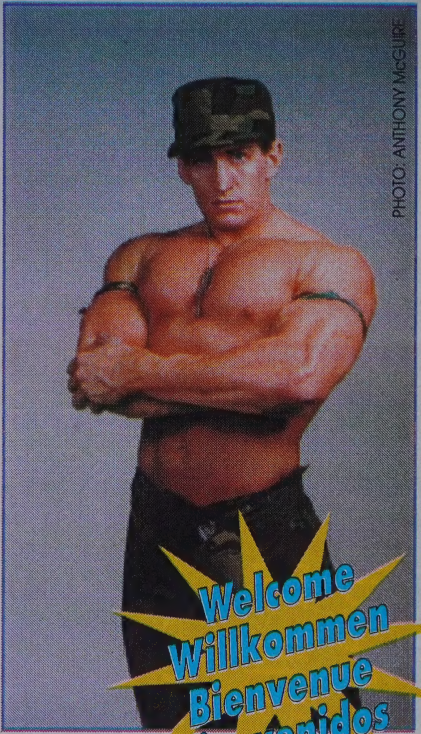

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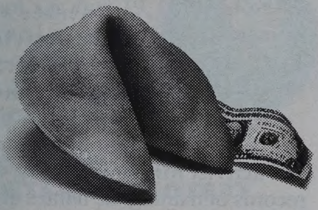

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Blondie – the infamous poet/beer can crushing stripper of Atlanta's Clermont Lounge.
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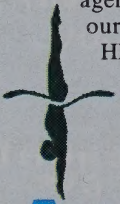
IS THAT AN OLYMPIC LOGO OR ARE YOU JUST HAPPY TO SEE ME?

"It's about the message, not about who did it," said an Atlanta AIDS activist, explaining why a recent safer-sex campaign was being carried out anonymously. But it's fairly safe to say the organizers of the Play Safe campaign - using five colored condoms arranged to strongly suggest the Olympic Rings logo - are also keeping their names out of it to avoid trouble with the tough Olympics "copyright police." At press time, however, what began as a two-day blitz campaign on July 20, was being continued, apparently without threats or interference from the Games committees. Posters, flyers, buttons and business cards, produced with over $60,000 in donated printing, were distributed in bars, businesses and other public places in the city by a group of volunteers. The material also includes the number for Georgia's AIDS Information Line (404-876-9944), although the state had no knowledge of the campaign. As for the Olympic resemblance, the unnamed activist said, "This campaign has no other agenda...but to remind Atlanta and our visitors to stop the spread of HIV. Period."



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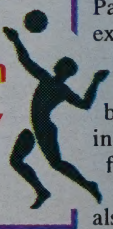

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ACTIVISTS FIGHT DOMA WITH AD; OUTINGS THREATENED

In a full-page ad appearing in the July 26, issue of The Washington Blade, lesbian and gay activists called on closeted members of Congress to come out and "defend your community in this time of unprecedented hostility." The ad was placed in response to Congressional action on the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act and signed by former Clinton fundraiser David Mixner, Tennessee attorney Abby Rubenfeld, California Assemblymember Carole Migden and 26 others. Among the signatures are author Michelangelo Signorile and activist Michael Petrelis, whose previous records of naming the names of closeted politicians and celebrities add an element of threat to the letter. Outing has definitely been in the air of late. A national magazine is reportedly set to out Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.). Kurt Wolfe, contributing correspondent to the Gay Show on WBAI radio in New York, said he outed Kolbe on the show, July 21.

PARIS GAY CHORUS MEMBERS, DESIGNER LOST IN TWA CRASH

Two members of the International Gay Chorus of Paris and a prominent interior decorator from New York were among the 230 people killed in the crash of TWA Flight 800, July 17. Choral Musical Director David Hogan and singer Jean Paul Galland were on the flight from New York to Paris when it apparently exploded in the air just off the coast of Long Island. The chorus had been in the U.S. for an international gay choral festival in Tampa, Fla., July 7 - 13. The group also marched in Atlanta's

Pride parade June 30, and performed in the city twice with the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus (AGMC). "We're all very upset about it," said AGMC President Steve Lyzenga. "We sent a floral tribute and two poems written by some of our members to the memorial service." The service for the two choral members was held July 23, in Paris. Lyzenga said his group is also discussing making a financial contribution to the Paris chorus in Hogan and Galland's names, possibly to be used to commission a memorial piece that could be performed by both choruses. Also killed was openly gay decorator Jed Johnson, who designed interiors for such celebrities as Richard Gere, Mick Jagger and Andy Warhol. On July 19, Good Morning America host Joan Lunden delivered a memorial at the end of her show, in which she acknowledged Alan Wanzenberg, Johnson's life partner of many years.

PHELPS CAMP CONFUSED OVER ANTI-GAY PROTEST

The notoriously anti-gay crusader Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kans., was harder to find among the Olympic crowds than Waldo, despite his well-publicized threat of a protest at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitors Center (AGLVC), scheduled for July 19. Although Phelps never showed, his wife Margie insisted to Etcetera on July 24, that he was "at that lesbigay place" – a notable use of PC terminology from the Phelps camp. "He got quite a bit of media coverage," claimed Mrs. Phelps, although said coverage was as absent as the preacher himself. Chris Mabry, spokesperson for the AGLVC, said he heard Phelps had showed up at City Hall for a couple of hours but probably backed out of his planned protest when a legion of followers failed to materialize. The failed action apparently hasn't quelled the preacher's homophobic urges. According to his wife, Phelps will travel to the headquarters of Coors Brewing in Colorado next. "They were known for their stand on family values, but now we understand that because they have a homosexual son, they've turned to supporting the gay – or fag – agenda, whatever you want to call it" Mrs. Phelps said, laughing nervously. She also reported he would protest at the Human Rights Campaign's OutVote conference in Chicago in August because Chastity

Viatical settlements drying up for PWAs?

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta – So far, it's only a matter of hope that multiple-drug therapies using protease inhibitors will prolong the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. But based on reports from the International AIDS Conference last month of possible increased life expectancies, some companies that buy life insurance policies have already dampened the financial hopes of people with AIDS. And one Atlanta-based company is urging people to "viaticate" now.

Viatical brokers collect money from investors and use it to pay terminally ill people a percentage of the value of their life insurance policies, a practice that has become common for many people with AIDS, who often use the money to ease the financial burden of living with the disease. Investors pay the premiums until the person dies, then collect on the whole policy. At least 50 companies bought about $400 million in policies last year, earning clients anywhere from 60 to 90 percent of their total policy worth. But that is already changing.

Some viatical brokers, such as Dignity Partners and Life Entitlements, are now saying they will either stop buying policies altogether or be forced to pay less and be more choosy about whose policies they buy. The companies may favor sicker people likely to die sooner, in order to keep giving their investors 15 percent annual returns. But Michael Bailiff, director of viatical settlements for Atlanta's Benefits America, believes such statements are jumping the gun.

"My feeling is that long-term studies [of the effects of protease inhibitors and combination therapies] need to be done before companies react like this," Bailiff says. "The industry is still buying policies, and funders are still paying good money. We believe right now that investors are basing their payouts on certain models that haven't changed yet. But as life expectancies increase, those models will probably change and payouts will drop."

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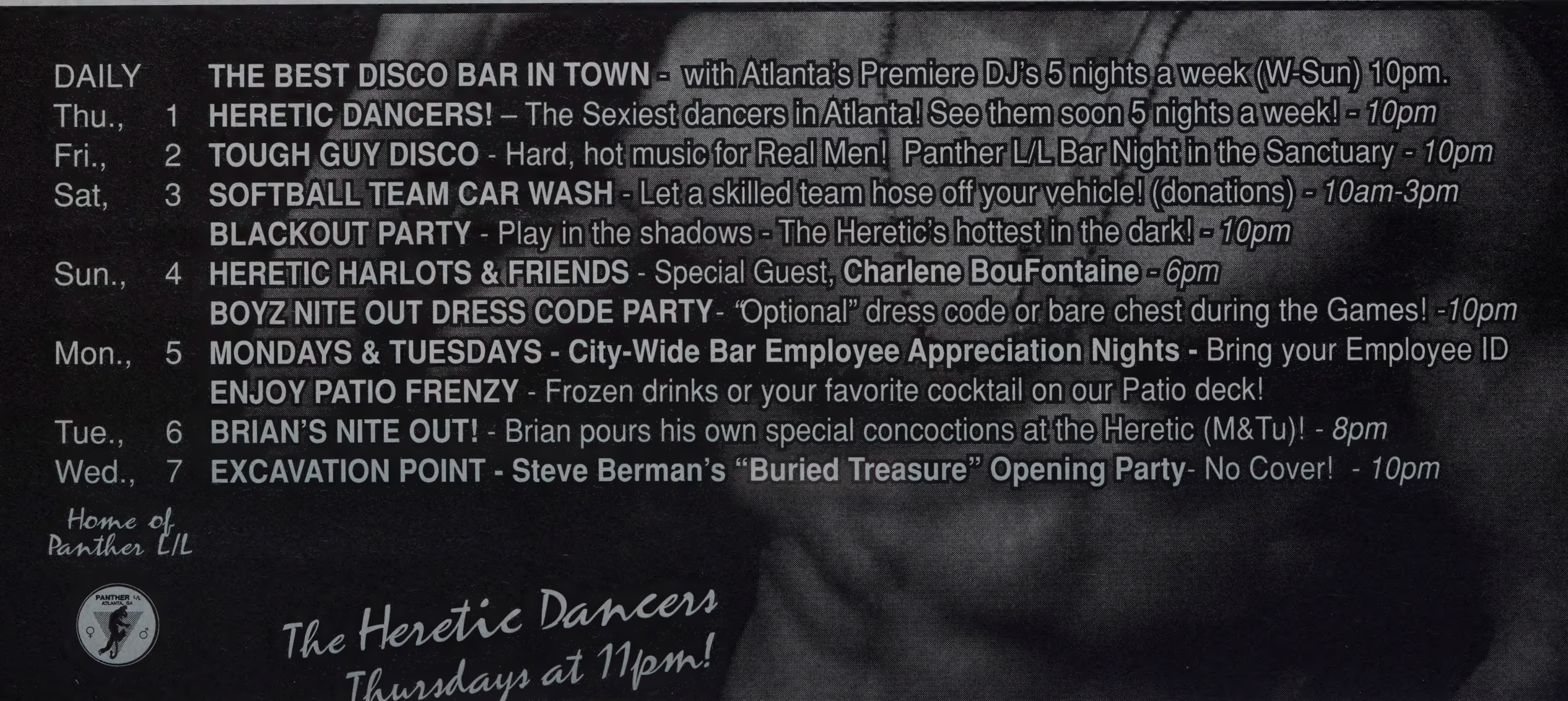

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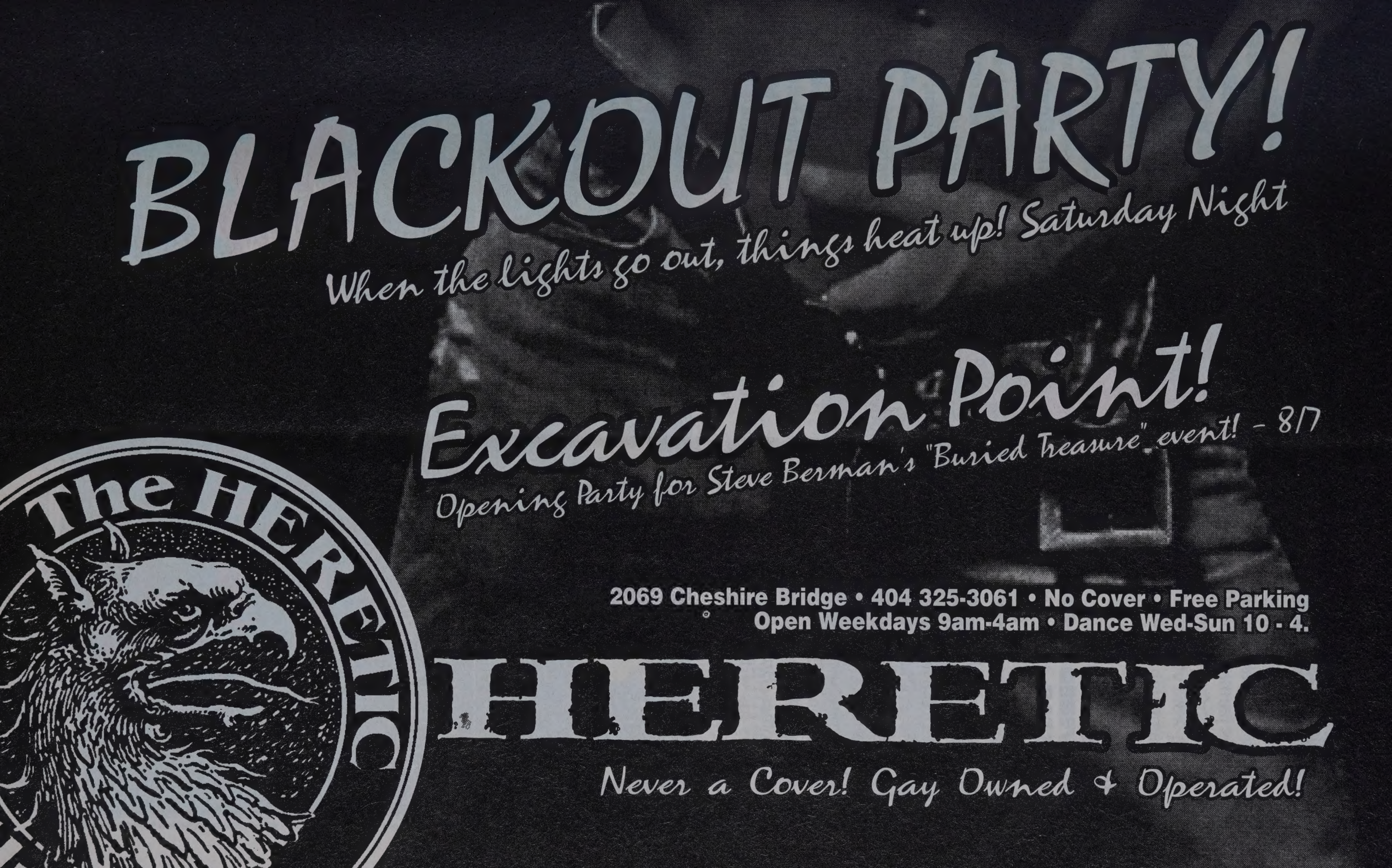

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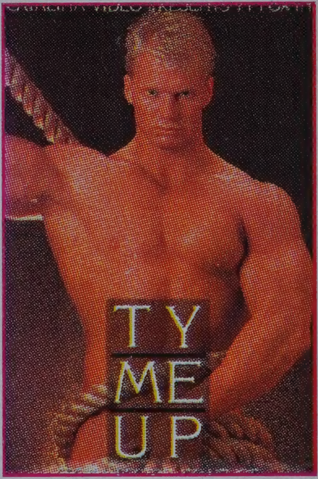
VIRGINIA TEACHER DISCOVERED TO BE PORN STAR

Jeffrey Dion Bruton, a Virginia physical education teacher and high school coach, is losing his wife of two years and likely his teaching position after it was alleged in June that he has acted in several gay adult films under the name Ty Fox. His agent confirmed July 18, that Bruton made videos and has done catalog and calendar modeling for swimwear and athletic clothes. Bruton's other career was discovered by his wife when she saw a photo of him in an ad for the movie "Hot Day in L.A."



Bruton/Fox caught in the act.

OBITUARIES: WRITER MASON, ACTIVIST NORMAN

● Kiki Mason, an outspoken writer who chronicled his struggle with AIDS in a POZ magazine column for over two years, died July 17, at his home in New York City. He was also vice-president of the board of the Community Research Initiative on AIDS, a non-profit organization exploring treatment options, and the founder, in 1993, of Lesion Liberation, which advocated for people with Kaposi's sarcoma. Mason's column, called "Life," provided a strong and highly critical voice in the AIDS crisis, reminding his readers that "I am not dying; I am being murdered." His last column, written just before his death and appearing in this month's issue of POZ, talked about his experience taking one of

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the new protease inhibitors, Abbott Laboratories' ritonavir. Detailing the nausea, diarrhea, "wooziness" and cramps he experienced on the treatment, he wrote, "I never had a good day on this drug and was basically miserable and dysfunctional…. Abbott was completely irresponsible in rushing this drug out…." Mason was 36.

● Connie Norman, who described herself as "an ex-drag queen, ex-hooker, ex-IV drug user, ex-high-risk youth and current postoperative transsexual woman who is HIV-positive," died of complications from AIDS, July 15. Norman premiered her pioneering AIDS talk show in Los Angeles in November 1991, quickly becoming known as the "AIDS Diva." She also co-hosted a weekly cable television show, wrote columns for gay publications and worked with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation on behalf of gay and lesbian youth and the transgendered community. Norman, who was 47, is survived by her husband of ten years, Bruce Norman.

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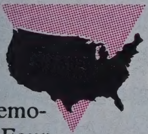
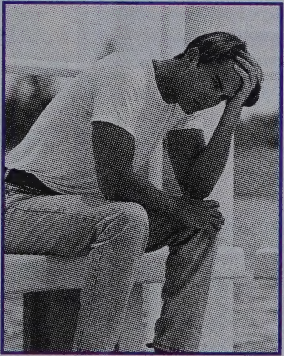


▼ The AIDS Memorial Monument Foundation has commissioned a design, started fundraising and begun talks with city officials to get a site for a monument in Orlando, Fla.

▼ The Food and Drug Administration on July 22, approved the Home Access Express test, the second approved home HIV test.

▼ Although she opposes the Defense of Marriage Act passed by the U.S. House in July, Sen. Barbara Boxer (R-Calif.) said July 17, she is comfortable with governments recognizing domestic partnerships for same-sex couples but not marriages.

▼ A federal judge ruled July 19, that the city of San Diego, Calif., acted unconstitutionally when it granted the Republican Party's demand to move a designated "free speech zone" for protests 300 yards away from the building where the party will hold its national convention, Aug. 12 - 15. City officials must now come up with another proposal. One of three plaintiffs in the suit was Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Voices '96.



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Gay sailor's mother fights murderer's release

by Rob Nixon

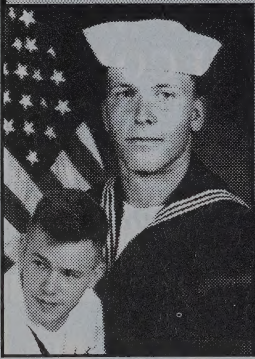
Steger, Ill. - Activists across the country - including the mother of murdered gay sailor Allen Schindler - are working to make sure Schindler's killer stays "behind bars for the rest of his life."

In one of the most brutal gay bashings to attract public notice, Navy Petty Officer Allen Schindler was beaten to death on Oct. 27, 1992, in Sasebo, Japan, so severely that a medical examiner compared his injuries to those sustained by plane crash victims. When Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hadjys-Holman, went to identify her son, he was so mutilated he could only be identified by the remains of his tattoo.

Two men were arrested for the crime, Schindler's shipmates Terry Helvey and Charles Vins. In exchange for four months in prison, Vins offered evidence that convicted Helvey, who received a life sentence. But through an annual system of automatic clemency hearings, the most recent of which was held July 16, Helvey is seeking reduction of his sentence. He also becomes eligible for parole in 2002. But not if Hadjys-Holman has anything to say about it.

"This was not in self-defense.... This was cold-blooded murder," reads a petition being circu-

(See *MOTHER* on page 24.)



Terry Helvey (left) wants clemency for the brutal murder of gay sailor Allen Schindler.

Shizuo Kambayashi/AP

ACTION ALERT

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network urges letters to argue against Terry Helvey's early release from prison.

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To obtain petitions against Helvey's release:

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▼ The Meyers Sheppard Pride Fund was launched in Beverly Hills, Calif., in June to invest in companies that have formal anti-discrimination policies based on sexual orientation.

▼ The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 23, awarded Atlanta's Emory University the patent on the anti-AIDS drug 3TC. Worldwide sales of 3TC could reach $1 billion annually, a large portion of which would return to Emory to fund research.

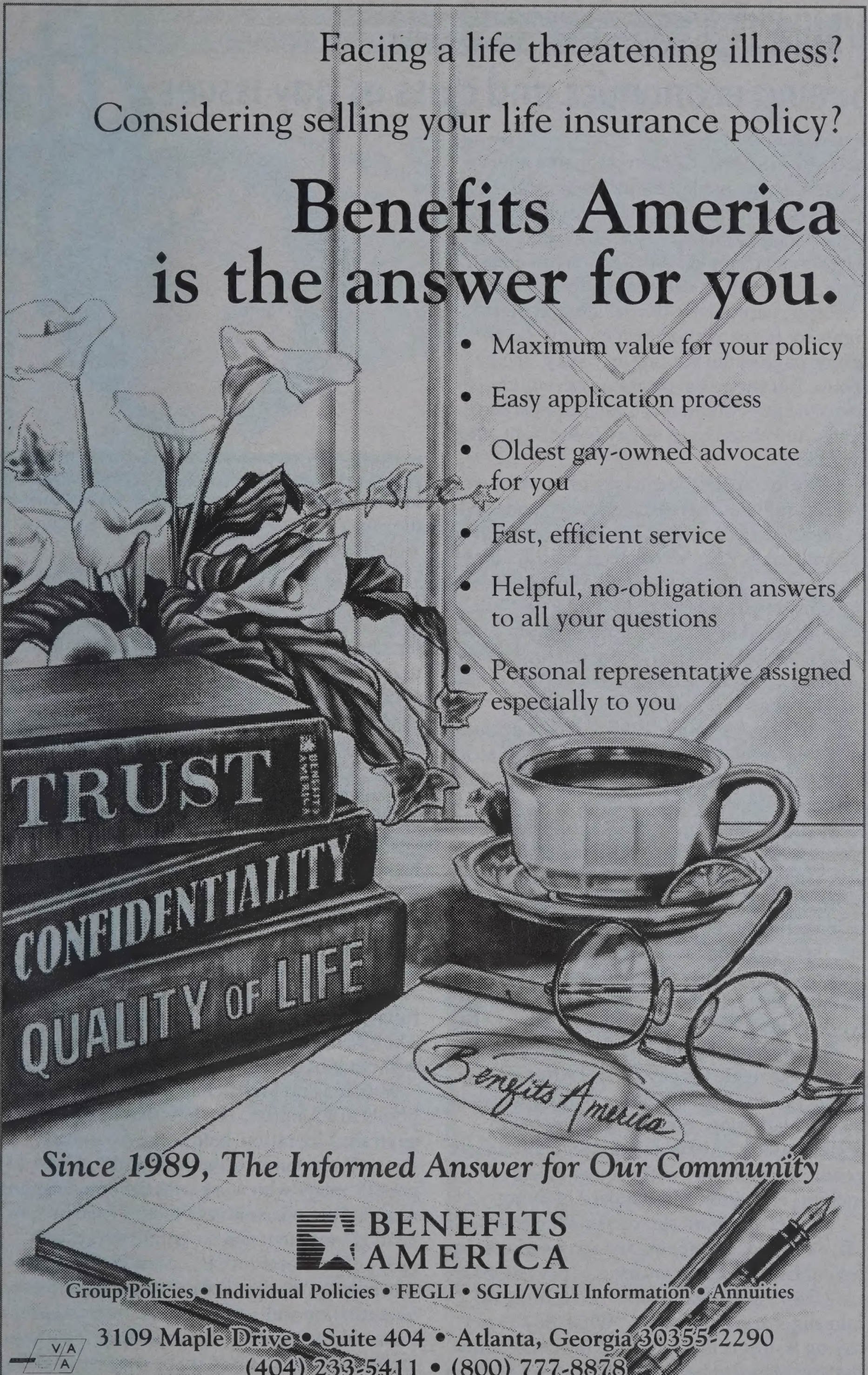
▼ Police have charged Alex Villanueva, a 19-year-old drifter, with the fatal 1995 shooting of a Brooklyn lesbian, Sylvia Lugo.

▼ Fundamentalists and administrators of Elvis Presley's estate are protesting and withdrawing support of the Second Annual International Conference on Elvis Presley, planned for Tupelo, Miss. Conference organizers ran into difficulty when they invited a man who claims to be Presley's illegitimate son and Elvis Herselvis, a lesbian Elvis impersonator.

▼ On July 18, Candace Gingrich, half-sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), pledged $2,500 and staff from the Human Rights Campaign to help with a write-in campaign for Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.).

▼ A Florida jury on July 18, recommended the death sentence for Gary Ray Bowles. The sentence was for Bowles' murder of a gay Jacksonville man in 1994; Bowles is also suspected in the deaths of six other gay men.

▼ To the outrage of many conservatives, $280,000 of federal funds will support a study to determine if lubricants containing nonoxynol-9 make anal sex between gay men safer or if they cause tissue irritation that may increase the risk of HIV transmission.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Seeing economics and class as gay issues

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta - In 1992, Clinton campaign adviser James Carville made a name for himself - and got his man elected - by focusing on key issues in the presidential race with the slogan: "It's the economy, stupid." While economics is still at the heart of this year's campaigns, social concerns, particularly the debate over equal rights for lesbians and gay men, have taken center stage as the hot-button, "sexy" media topics. But some organizations are working to focus the gay community's attention on economic and class issues as key to the right wing agenda.

"We often make the mistake of thinking you can separate a conservative social agenda and a conservative economic one, but they go hand in hand," says Pam McMichael, co-director of Southerners On New Ground (SONG), an organization based in Atlanta and Louisville, Ken., devoted to shifting "lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered equality organizing into an anti-racist, justice-seeking context," according to the group's brochure.

In the group's spring 1996 newsletter/journal, Board member Suzanne Pharr elaborates on SONG's focus on the economy during this electoral year.

"Neither Democratic nor Republican leaders are going to speak truthfully and directly about what is going on in the economy," Pharr writes. "Instead, we have scapegoating campaigns about immigrants, crime, welfare mothers, 'special rights' for gay people.... It is up to progressive people and organizations to begin truthful discussions about what is happening to workers and poor people in this country."

But what has the plight of the poor to do with the struggle for gay rights? After all, any number of surveys, including many sponsored by gay marketing companies and political organizations, have stated that lesbian and gay people are generally in the upper levels of income, education and standard of living.

"If I see one more survey showing how well off, educated, upstanding we are, how wonderful our lives and our cars are...." says SONG Co-Chair Pat Hussain, her voice trailing off into anger and frustration. "What they're not saying is, this is the portion of the community that can afford to be visible. To say we go from the upper two percent all the way to homeless would be more honest."

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What's the economy got to do with it? Ask Pat Hussain of Southerners on New Ground.

Hussain is concerned that promoting the image of gays as an advantaged group plays right into the hands of such foes as the Christian Coalition, who would use these "statistics" to portray gays, in her words, as "a whiny, privileged minority."

Hussain's point is well taken when one considers the minority opinion of the Supreme Court in striking down Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 this spring. Writing for the dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia refers to gays as a "politically powerful minority" that enjoys "enormous influence in American media and politics" while seeking "preferential treatment."

"It's what Hitler did in Nazi Germany in talking about [the Jews as] a privileged class," Hussain says. "And it plays into the notion that full rights are something you have to earn. They're not; they're your birthright. People without jobs are still full citizens."

Hussain and McMichael highlighted these points in a seminar, The Economy and Lesbigaytrans Liberation, held at the Abundant Grace Community Church, June 17. About 15 people, many who work with the homeless and disabled people, analyzed tactics used by powerful government and corporate interests in times of economic crisis: union-busting, downsizing, reorganization of the work force, deregulation and - of particular interest to lesbian and gay people - scapegoating. That subject has also been taken up by the National Gay

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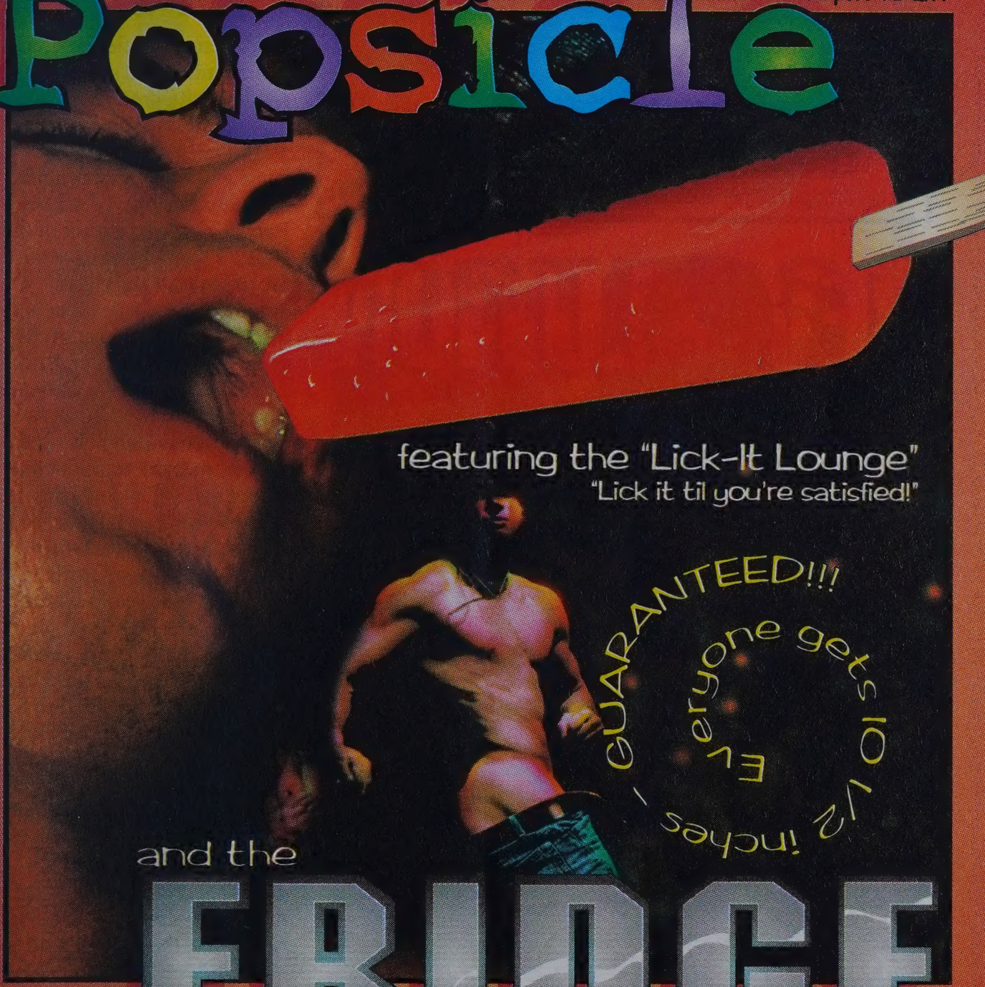

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and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) in papers that address the links between gay rights and affirmative action, immigration and welfare issues.

"When our society targets, dehumanizes and scapegoats any minority group…, blaming the minority for economic and social problems, it is an environment and pattern that threatens our safety," writes Rachel Timoner, author of the NGLTF papers, pointing out the use of "special rights" arguments to shoot down both discrimination protection for sexual minorities and affirmative action. Similarly, Hussain says, rhetoric focused on "personal responsibility" is used against welfare, reproductive choice and AIDS funding.

What is needed, Pharr argues, is an approach that looks beyond the rhetoric to the underlying realities. For example, she points out, the real threat to the family comes not from gay people but from falling wages and the need for adults and older children to work long hours and more than one job to survive.

"Without class/economic analysis and strategies, we are destined to become a movement that seeks privilege for those who already have it rather than the transformation of the culture to support freedom, equality and responsibility for everyone," Pharr writes. "Our politics, in that case, will reflect the status quo in this country, those who participate in the very systems of oppression that prevent our liberation."

"The Far Right sees the connections between the issues," Timoner writes. "If any of [their] proposals succeed, the far Right succeeds and is stronger."

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lated since June 20, by Schindler's mother with help from activists across the U.S. Hadjys-Holman's goal is to collect a million names to send to the Naval Clemency and Parole Board by 2002 to prevent Helvey's release. At press time, she had already collected over 2,000 names – 650 of them from working Chicago's Pride celebration – and she sent 1,600 names to Helvey's closed clemency hearing in Kansas.

"It's important that the public weigh in on behalf of Allen's family," says Michelle Benecke, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), which advocates on behalf of lesbian and gay military personnel. "Helvey has shown no remorse and has expressed that he'd do it again. The Navy can't just release a murderer onto the street to prey on the public."

SLDN is leading a drive to have letters sent to the Navy preventing Helvey's release (see Action Alert). Schindler's death was one of the reasons behind the organization's founding, and Benecke says the need for it is greater than ever.

"The harassment has gotten worse…. In two-and-a-half years we've handled over a dozen death-threat cases, and our organization is just in touch with the tip of the iceberg," Benecke says. "We have publicly put the Department of Defense on notice that if they don't take steps to stop this, it will only be a matter of time before this tragedy repeats itself. To date they have taken none of the appropriate steps. Zero."

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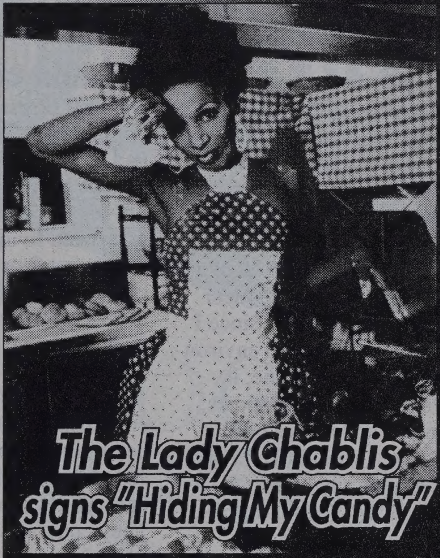

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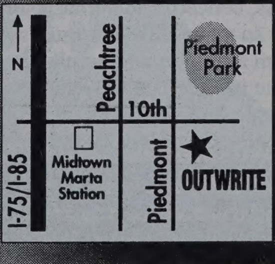
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A BRAND NEW YEAR

Dear ETC:

Today is Tuesday, the second day of July, the second day after the 1996 Gay Pride weekend. I feel more alert than I did yesterday (Monday), and my sunburn has definitely improved. I am back at my job behind my desk, in other words, "back in the closet," to all of my co-workers. I may sound repressed with that statement but this is actually my favorite part of Pride Weekend.

The week after always feels like the first week of a brand new year…a "Queer New Year," I guess. Since I am in a heterosexual environment most of the time, it feels good to see rainbows, triangles and smiles once a year. So, I would like to take this time to say "*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*" to all those who catch my drift.

Now it's time to make a New Year's resolution. This year at Pride, I walked around the park to pick up brochures, instead of girls, and saw much better results. I did not leave with numbers of perspective dates, but instead, the numbers of people and organizations that need my help: AIDS organizations, anti-violence organizations, arts/entertainment/cultural organizations and many more. I left with readiness, concern and enthusiasm for so many different causes. I am a student with a full-time job and certainly cannot donate large amounts of money, but am ready and able to donate some of my time to do what I can to make a difference.

"*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*" to all – resolve to make a difference.

Casey Hunter

EDITOR'S NOTE: This type of letter never gets dated.

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Dear Mr. President:

I have written you before and have found you to be a man of compassion. I am a pre-operative transsexual and have been living as a woman for almost four years, but according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, I have no civil rights as a transsexual.

I have been looking for employment. One of the businesses at which I applied stated they could not hire me because I was a transsexual. They could not hire me as Julia, only as my old birth name, Gerald. I sought the E.E.O.C.'s help.

The E.E.O.C. investigator said there were no federal or state regulations for recourse.

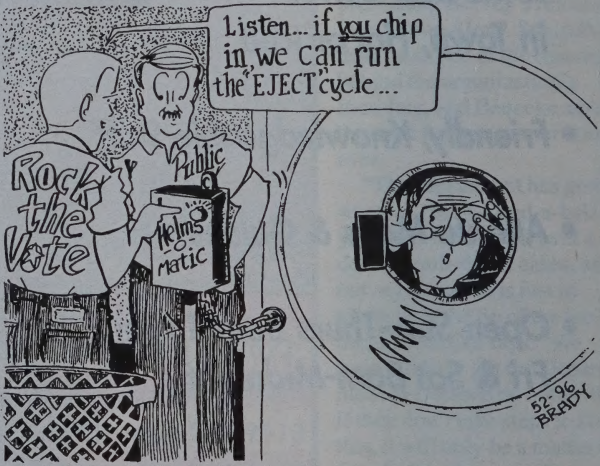
I agree that being a transsexual is not accepted by many people. Many transsexuals resort to living a reclusive life because of the pain of prejudice and discrimination. To the contrary I live a very open and public life.

I am very intelligent. I am not gay but very heterosexual. I am 56 and the parent of five children, 36 - 29. I was very miserable for over 30 years, hiding who I really am.

When I worked for the Atlanta Journal/Constitution I was treated very well with no prejudice. They made me feel like a human being, especially a lady.

I know there are several thousand transsexuals who have voted for you and those in Congress. I don't even know if you can, but if there is a possibility please help me.

Julia Hines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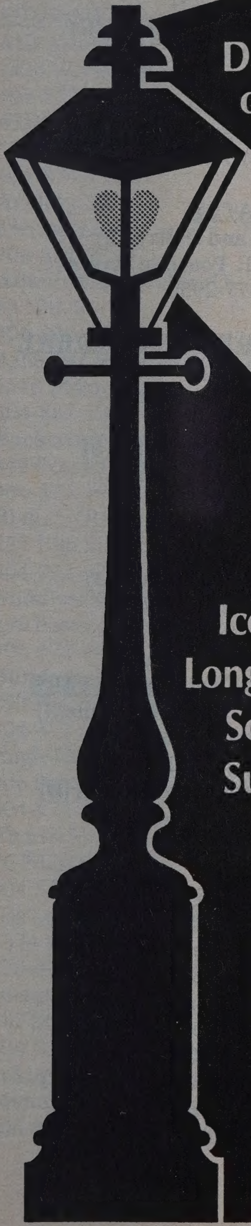

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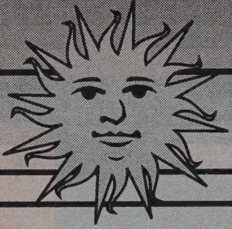

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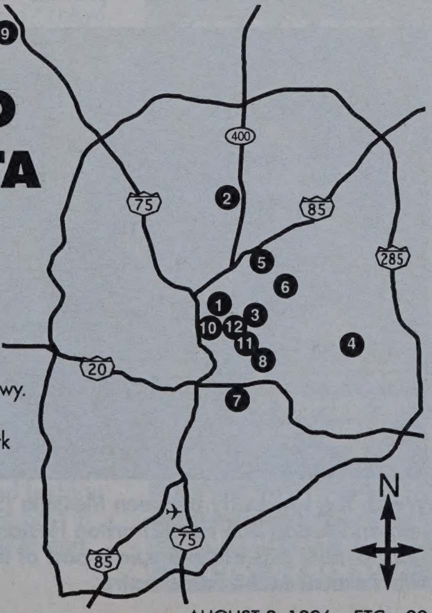

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CHARLTON'S MAD ABOUT THE BOY

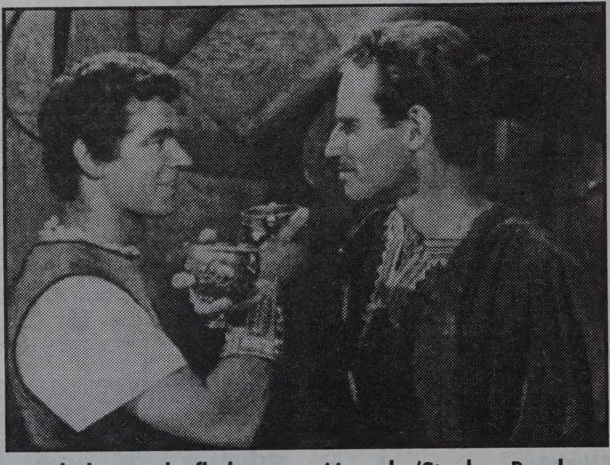
The HBO-produced "The Celluloid Closet," a documentary about gay men and lesbians in American film, debuted on the pay channel and then moved to theatres this past spring. The movie apparently raised the ire of veteran Hollywood actor and staunch conservative Charlton Heston when it came to allegations of gay undertones in the film "Ben Hur."

According to openly gay writer Gore Vidal, his rewrites on the project directed another actor, Stephen Boyd, to play his role opposite Heston passionately, rather than compassionately, all unbeknownst to Heston, who Vidal claimed hadn't a clue.

Heston said recently in a letter to Time magazine that it's just not so. After blasting Vidal's capabilities as a writer, the actor referred to the stated Vidal's claims were "ludicrous." He further stated "implying a homosexual relationship between the characters insults [director] Willy Wyler, and, I have to say, irritates the hell out of me." Reportedly, Vidal then took a verbal jab at Heston in the pages of Variety with an equally biting response.

Curiously enough, Heston's letter to Time included his home address as 2859 Coldwater Canyon Dr. in Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (in case you'd like to irritate some more hell out of him, feel free to drop a line).

If you'd like to judge for yourself just how hot the sparks coming from Stephen Boyd truly are, "Ben Hur" screens at The Fox Theatre as part of the NationsBank Film Festival on Thurday, Aug. 8. Check the Homoculture Calendar for further information.



Watch the sparks fly between Messala (Stephen Boyd, left) and Judah Ben Hur (Charlton Heston) in "Ben Hur" Aug. 8. The '50s biblical epic is part of the NationsBank Film Festival at the Fox Theatre.

ATLANTA'S LATEST IN QUEER THEATRE

Barking Dog Theatre presents "Talk/Show," a comedic play utilizing multi-media technique, while exploring society's obsessions with other people's lives.

"It's a really strong script, and I like what it has to say," explains director David Crowe. "The play contains an interesting slice of life with liberal and blue-collar characters. It addresses how we're all alienating ourselves from life by viewing it from a distance."

Using a TV talk show format, the audience travels into the life of a multi-sexual phone sex operator, a recovering bulimic, a plastic surgery addict and an assortment of other dubious characters.

Crowe, who's been a contributor to the Atlanta theater scene since 1990, has worked with Actor's Express and Georgia State Theatre as both actor and director. Most recently he appeared in Theatre in Exile's "This Island's Mine" at the Atlanta Dream Hostel.

The "Talk/Show" cast includes Hamilton Ray ("Borderlands"), Josie Burgin Lawson ("Pterodactyls") and Cynthia Boorujy ("The Three Sisters"). The play opens Aug. 2, and continues through Aug. 17, at the Tula Arts Center. For more information see the Homoculture Calendar.

TOMLIN TO JOIN CAST OF MURPHY BROWN

Actress and comedian Lily Tomlin, who was recently chastised by writer Armistead Maupin for concealing her sexual orientation, will join the cast of the hit CBS series "Murphy Brown" this fall. Tomlin will star as the newly appointed executive producer

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Lily Tomlin joins the cast of "Murphy Brown" on CBS this fall.

of "FYI," an intellectual equal to the opinionated Murphy Brown. Reportedly CBS execs have a spinoff show in mind for Tomlin following her stint with the number two CBS comedy.

NORTH CAROLINA SCREENS THE LATEST IN QUEER FILM

The North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival opens in Durham, Friday, Aug. 2, and continues through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Film showings for the entire three-day festival will take place at the Carolina Theatre. All receptions will be held at the Connie Moses Ballroom. Opening night festivities include a reception and benefit with appearances by lesbian filmmakers Barbara Hammer and Sonja de Vries.

Film screenings for Friday evening include "Brunch," a mini-documentary about a young gay man's experiences with closetedness and his family; Hammer's "Tender Fictions," an autobiographical short about the filmmakers relationship with her community; and a rare premier of the much-anticipated feature-length drama "Stonewall," a fictionalized account of the 1969 gay riot based on Martin Duberman's book.

Saturday's line-up begins in the early afternoon with a reception. Screenings continue with deVries's "Gay Cuba," an in-depth look at the treatment of queers under the Castro regime; the comedic Canadian release "Tokyo Cowboy;" the 1968

FIRE ISLAND

Attack of the killer drag queens: N.C.'s Gay and Lesbian Film Festival hosts a drag contest and shows the best in cross-dressin' cinema with "Vegas in Space" (left) and "The Queen" (right), Saturday, Aug. 3.

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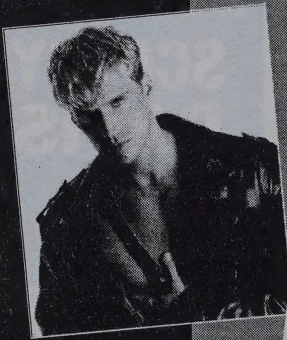

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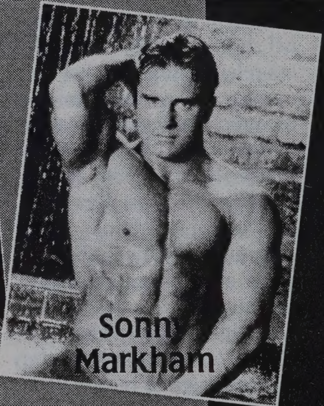

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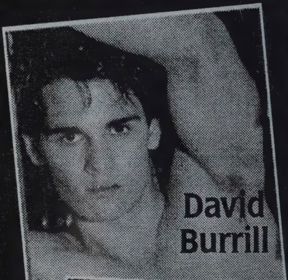

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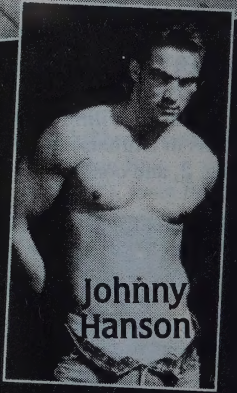

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mod drag queen classic documentary “The Queen;” and the legendary “Vegas in Space,” a comedic sci-fi romp about men transformed into women to infiltrate a world of glamorous futuristic space-divas.

The festival draws to a close on Sunday with the afternoon Gayla Personals Party hosted by Independent Weekly. Among the final film offerings are the lesbian comedy “Fresh Kill;” “Parallel Sons,” a moving look an interracial same-sex relationship; and additional showings of “Tokyo Cowboy” and “Stonewall.” For times and other information, see the Homoculture Calendar.

Jeff Shade is Petey in "Watching My Hair Grow."

GAY THEATRE AROUND THE U.S.

Former Atlanta resident Michael West stars in “Howard Crabtree’s When Pigs Fly,” opening at the Douglas Fairbanks Theatre in Manhattan Aug. 14. The story focuses on a playwright/producer by the name of Howard who mounts an ill-fated, yet comedic attempt at putting on an overly-costumed play in an under-renovation theatre. The play features 15 musical numbers and a number of interesting side topics ranging from “Bewitched” to Newt Gingrich. The semi-autobiographical effort comes from the late Howard Crabtree, author of the previously successful “Howard Crabtree’s Whoop-Dee-Doo!” Crabtree passed away June 28, of this year, five days after completing work on the project.

Gerry Goodstein

Michael West stars as Howard in "Howard Crabtree's When Pigs Fly."

In Pittsburgh, nationally known gay actor Jeff Shade,

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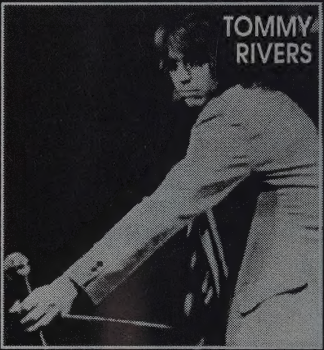
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who's appeared on ABC television's daytime soap "One Life to Live" and on Broadway in "Sweet Charity," will debut his one-person show "Watching My Hair Grow." The play includes a bountiful offering of song and dance told through a character known as Petey. "Watching My Hair Grow" follows Shade/Petey through experiences growing up in Pittsburgh, learning to twirl baton, conquering Broadway, losing his hair and facing the beasts of his past. The play opens Aug. 7.

INFAMOUS GAY COUPLE CALLS IT QUITS PUBLICLY

Nationally known body builders and self-appointed gay spokescouple Bob Paris and Rod Jackson have officially admitted to the end of their decade-long relationship.

In a statement faxed to Etcetera by Paris on July 18, he said: "Rumors have been circulating in the gay community regarding the status of our relationship, and while neither of us is comfortable discussing the very private aspects of our lives, we want to address those rumors directly to prevent any misunderstanding.

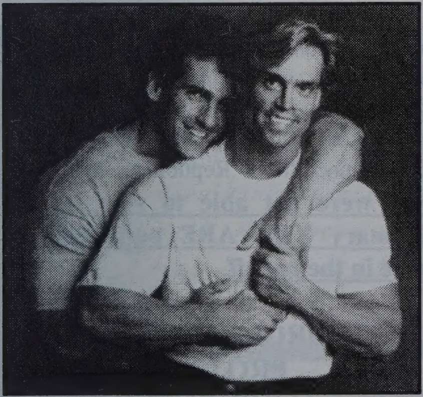
"For the public record, we have been broken up for the last year and were separated for a year before that. …The details and reasons for our separation are complicated, painful and personal, as they are when any marriage fails. And while our marriage was lived in the public eye for many years, its demise is not a subject either of us can expand upon in the media….

"We tried our best to make our marriage work," the always-publicity-sensitive couple continued. "We loved each other deeply and had ten years together. Seven of those years were spent as activists for gay civil rights, and we were fortunate to have been able to do some very difficult, rewarding and exhausting work together….

"We share the disappointment of those of you who looked up to our marriage as a role model – no one feels that disappointment more keenly than we do," Jackson and Paris said.

"…We both remain completely committed to the cause of making the world a better, safer place for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. We both remain deeply committed to the concept of equal marriage rights, and we both still believe in the magic of love."

In a telephone conversation, Paris – a former Mr. America and Mr. Universe – said the couple



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And then they were two: Bob Paris and Rod Jackson announced their break-up publicly July 18.

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Vote Tuesday, August 6 Runoff Election '96

Georgia Equality Project / Political Action Committee

Our recommendations are based on candidate questionnaires, public forums, legislative records, interviews and issues research. We urge you to educate yourself on the candidates in your area as you make up your mind about whom to vote for. Our ratings are as follows: **Recommend, Acceptable, Unacceptable, Better Choice** (candidate did not qualify for a rating but is better than the alternative) and **No Rating** (where there is conflicting or insufficient information). BE SURE TO VOTE and take this page with you to the polls.

Secretary of State
Statewide Republican Runoff
Willou Smith(R)-Better Choice

Judge, Court of Appeals
Statewide Non-Partisan Runoff
Anne Elizabeth Barnes-Recommend

FULTON/ATL BALLOT:

State Senate 34
(Parts of Fulton, Douglas & Clayton)
Calvin Browning(D)Recommend Punch **5**

State Senate 39
Vincent Fort(D)Recommend Punch **9**

District Attorney
Paul Howard(D)** Punch **17**

Judge, Superior Court
J. Bedford-Recommend Punch **26**

School Board, Dist. 4
Linda Bryant-Acceptable Punch **32**

DeKALB BALLOT:

Clerk
Jeanette Rozier-Recommend Punch **4**

Sheriff
Sidney Dorsey-Better Choice Punch **8**

OTHER RACES:

Judge, Superior Court (Augusta)
Bettienne Childers Hart-Recommend

Judge, Superior Court (Coweta)
John Simpson-Recommend

State Senate, Dist. 28 (Coweta)
Rick Price(R)-Better Choice

State House, Dist. 17 (Cherokee)
Jimmy Bobo(R)-Better Choice

State House, Dist. 31 (Cobb)
Sharon Cooper(R)-Better Choice

State House, Dist. 79 (Gwinnett)
No Rating

State House, Dist. 108 (Henry)
Leland Maddox(R)-Unacceptable

State House, Dist. 174 (Glynn)
Ira Moore(R)-Better Choice

**NOTE-This is a hotly contested race with both runoff candidates having many supporters advocating strongly on their behalf. While both scored equally on l/g/b/t positions, we conclude that the office will be better administrated by Paul Howard.

We offer candidate ratings that we hope will assist you in making your voting decisions. This guide includes information for those who vote in either the Democratic or Republican runoff. **If you were not able to vote in the Primary YOU ARE permitted to vote in the runoff**.

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prepared the statement because, "I think readers of the gay press are interested."

Paris and Jackson got married in 1989, after Paris came out publicly in the July 1989 issue of the muscle magazine Ironman. Thereafter, they spent several years as sort of free-lance gay role-models – showing gay and straight America that two All-American guys could fall in love and live happily every after.

They made scores of speaking and television appearances, and released a coffee-table book of photos of themselves.

– *Rex Wockner*

KIDS ON THEIR QUEER PARENTS

"Both of My Moms' Names Are Judy" is a documentary short produced by the Gay and Lesbian Parents Association of San Francisco.

Designed to educate parents, students and teachers about the dangers of homophobia, the video features several elementary school-age children discussing their experiences with discrimination from adults and other children. Although it's only 10 - minutes long, the series of simple headshots packs in the pain children feel at the hands of other intolerant children.

The title of the piece was inspired by an off-handed remark made by one of the children interviewed, Eleanor Gerber-Siff. Gerber-Siff is the daughter of Judy Gerber, who maintains a weekly radio talk show on WRFG (see Homoculture Calendar), and activist and former Pride board member Judy Siff.

For more information on how to order a copy (which comes with a training manual) or other related video titles, call 202-583-8029.

HOMO ART IN CENTRAL TENNESSEE

The third annual "Artland" celebration of homo arts and artists takes place outside of Smithville, Tenn., Sept. 16 – 22, in the secluded queer artist community of Ida.

The combination of environment and creativity reportedly affords gay and lesbian artists an unparalleled opportunity to share skills, ideas, performances and exhibits.

Recreational activities include hiking, bonfire dances and group performances by the Eggplant Faeries. Tents and camping gear are a must for this outting. Initial registration fee for the event is

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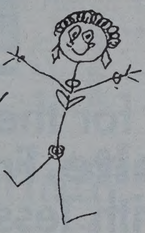

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CALENDAR

This Week

friday 8•2

Amethyst Reading Party
Features Dallas Denny, Alexi Helligar, Jon Howard and T. Edward Gray. 7:30 p.m. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center Upstairs, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-249-6400.

Disappear Fear
Plugged-in lesbian rock. 8:00 p.m. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-249-6400.

North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
"Tender Fictions" 7:30 p.m. "Stonewall" 9:30 p.m. The Carolina Theatre, 309 W. Morgan St., Durham, N.C. 919-560-3030.

saturday 8•3

Gaylapalooza
Gay comedy with Scott Kennedy, Kevin Mayes and Georgia Ragsdale. Includes Doug Lothes opening with "Gone with the Wind in 20 Minutes." 8:00 p.m. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-249-6400.

North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
"Seams" and "Gay Cuba" 2:00 p.m. "Tokyo Cowboy" 4:30 p.m. "The Queen" 7:00 p.m. "Vegas in Space" 9:00 p.m. The Carolina Theatre, 309 W. Morgan St., Durham, N.C. 919-560-3030.

sunday 8•4

North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
"When Most I Wink," "Fresh Kill" and "Parallel Sons" 4:30 p.m. "Tokyo Cowboy" 7:00 p.m. "Stonewall" 9:30 p.m. The Carolina Theatre, 309 W. Morgan St., Durham, N.C. 919-560-3030.

tuesday 8•6

"Second Samuel"
Drama set in small southern town about a woman with a secret. 8:00 p.m. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St.

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wednesday 8•7

Imperial Teen
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"Buried Treasure"
Diamonds and Pearls: Brushstrokes presents their second annual "Miss Originality" drag pageant. 9:30 p.m. $10 in advance, $15 at door. The Armory, 836 Juniper St. 404-627-8180. Sponsored by Etcetera.

"Buried Treasure"
Excavation Point: Opening party. The Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 404-627-8180.

thursday 8•8

Romanovsky and Phillips
Acoustic gay duo performs funky tunes about gay-ness. 8:00 p.m. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-249-6400.

"Hotlanta River Expo: World Party '96"
"Miss Hotlanta '96." Glamour drag contest. 8:00 p.m. $15. Colony Square Hotel, 188 14th St. 404-874-3976. Sponsored by Etcetera.

"Buried Treasure"
Family Jewels: MB HardBodies and Urge. Erotic centerfold contest. $10 or free with Miss Hotlanta ticket or WP'96 pass. E.S.S.O., 489 Courland St. 404-872-3776.

Upcoming

friday 8•9

"Venus and Adonis"
Two women play the roles of Venus and Adonis in this narrative poem by William Shakespeare. Friday – Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 p.m. $14. The Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree St. 404-874-5299. Through 9•7.

"Hotlanta River Expo: World Party '96"
"Mr. Hotlanta: Wonders of the World." Legendary buff boy contest. 8:00 p.m. $30. Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave. 404-874-3976. Sponsored by Etcetera.

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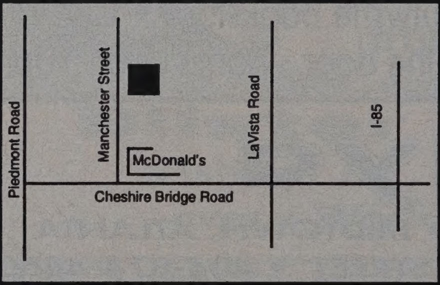

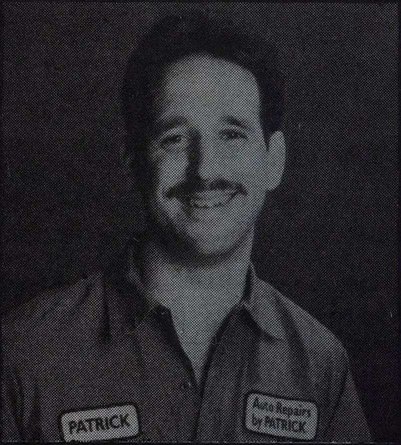

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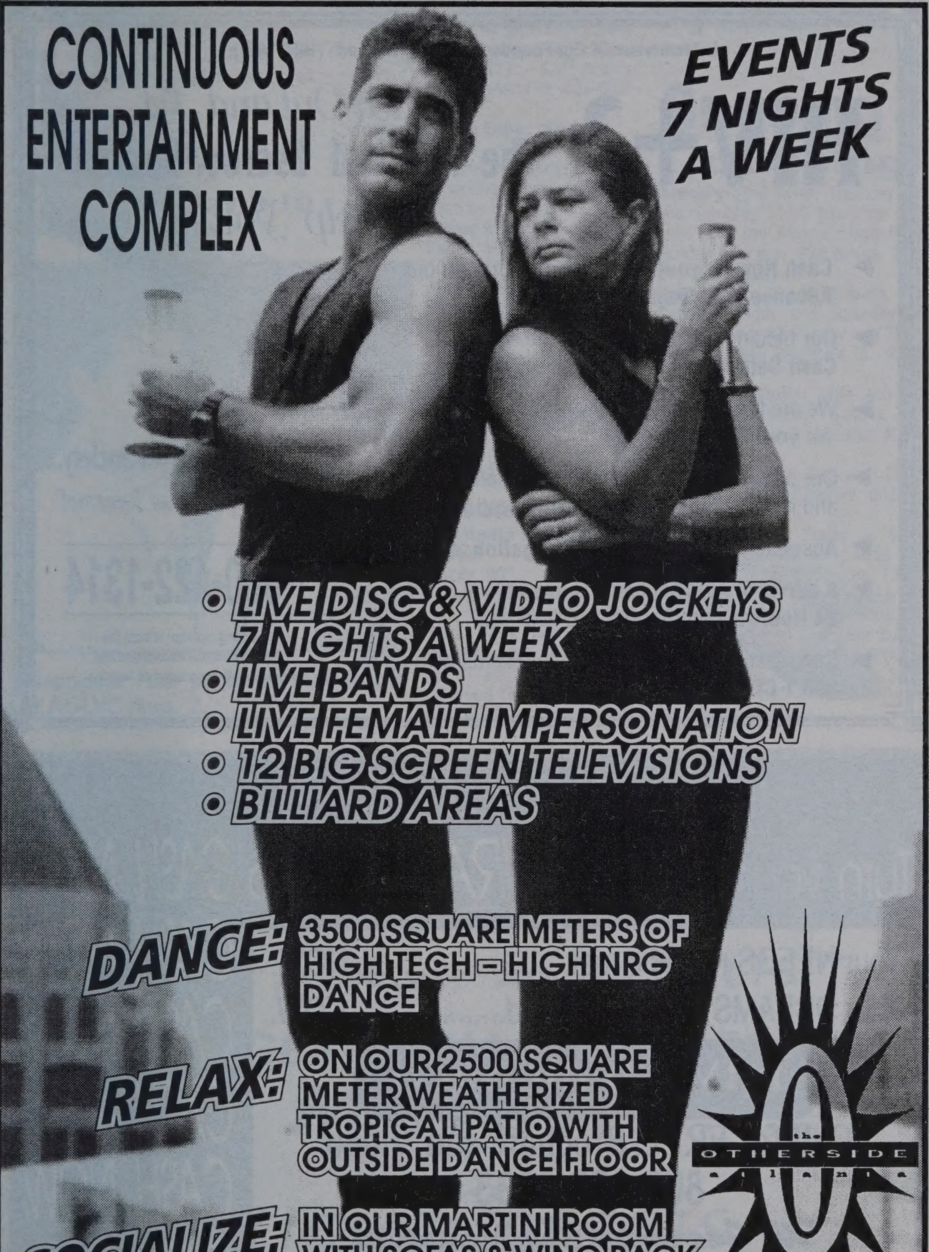

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saturday 8•10

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"Glo-Bal Party." Big dance party. 8:00 p.m. Colony Square Hotel, 188 14th St. 404-874-3976. Sponsored by Etcetera.

"Buried Treasure"
Pirate's Cove: Susan Morabito deejays this all-night party. $40. Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-627-8180.

sunday 8•11

"Hotlanta River Expo: World Party '96"
"Carnival." Tea Dance. 4:00 p.m. $15. The Metro and Kaya, 1068 Peachtree St. 404-874-3976. Sponsored by Etcetera.

"Buried Treasure"
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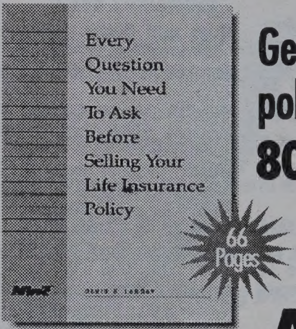

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The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center brings "Second Samuel" to the stage Aug. 6 and 7.

film

"Maybe...Maybe Not"
German film hit about a straight man who moves in with his gay male friend. Pandemonium ensues.

"Fled"
RuPaul has a tiny cameo in this Atlanta-filmed epic starring Stephen Baldwin and Lawrence Fishburne.

"Independence Day"
Alright, it's not a gay film but Harvey Fierstein appears as a gay Jewish (imagine that!) cable TV executive in this film about world-wide destruction by insectoid aliens.

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"In Stitches"
New musical about the AIDS Memorial Quilt directed by David Bell. Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 p.m. Matinee shows Saturday and Sunday 3:00 p.m. Some shows may be preempted. $20. Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, 1374 W. Peachtree St. 404-249-6400. Through 8•4.

"Slavs!"
Barking Dog Theatre presents Tony Kushner's play about the breakdown of Soviet society in the 1980s. Thursday – Saturday, 8:15 p.m.; Sunday 3:15 p.m. $12. Durham Magnet Center, 300 N. Duke St., Durham, N.C. 919-220-6779. Through 8•18.

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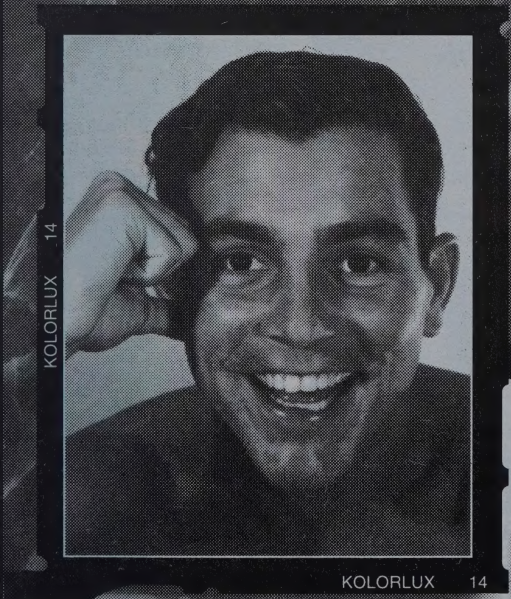

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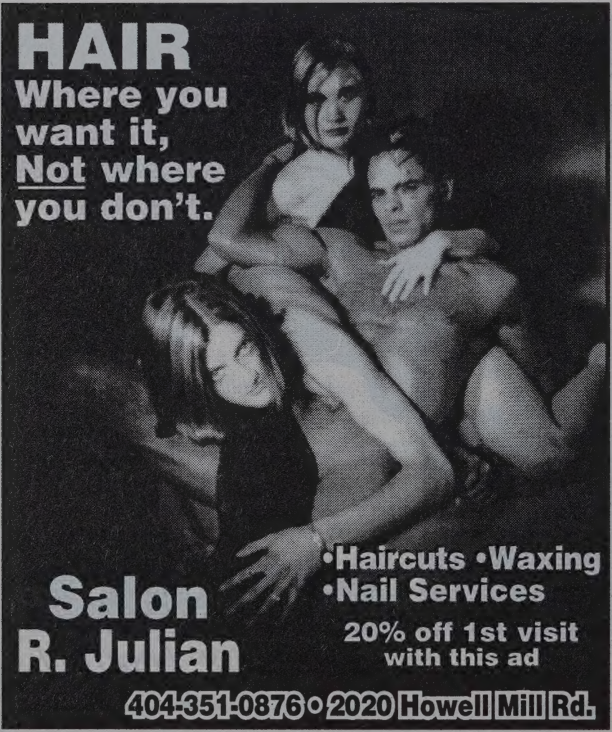
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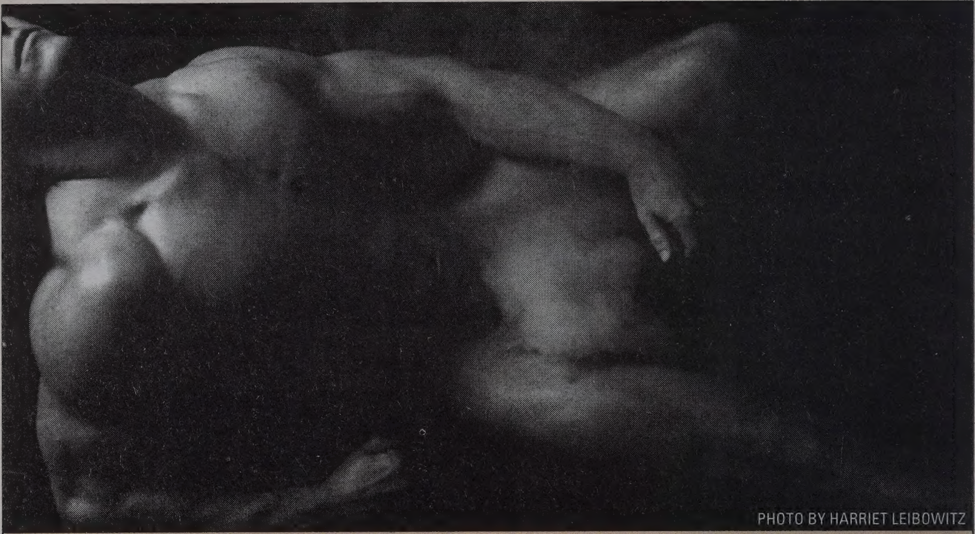

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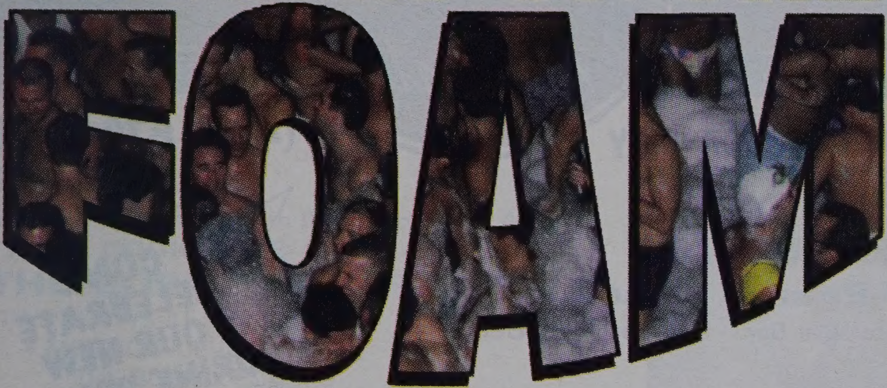

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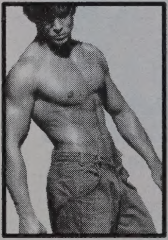

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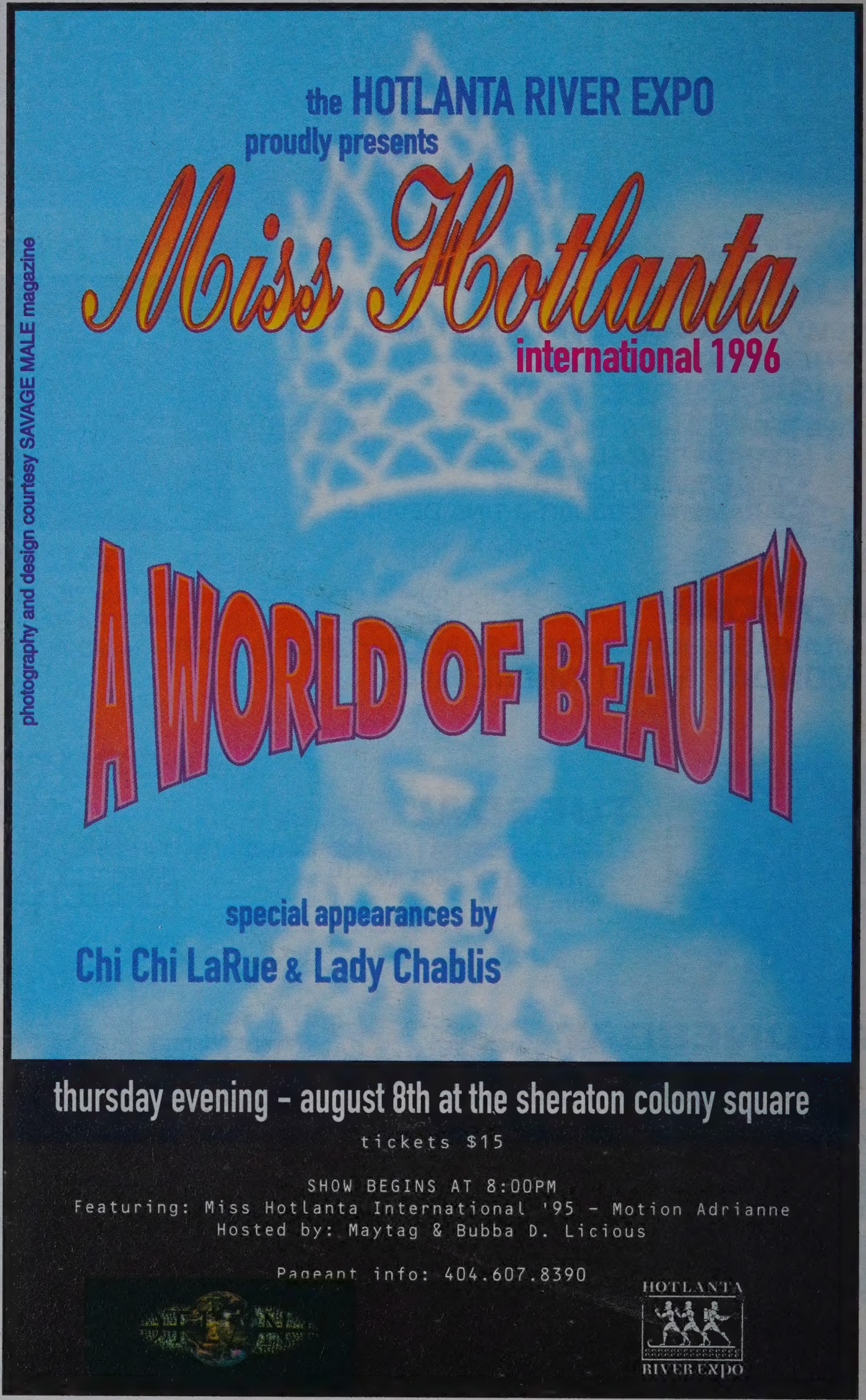

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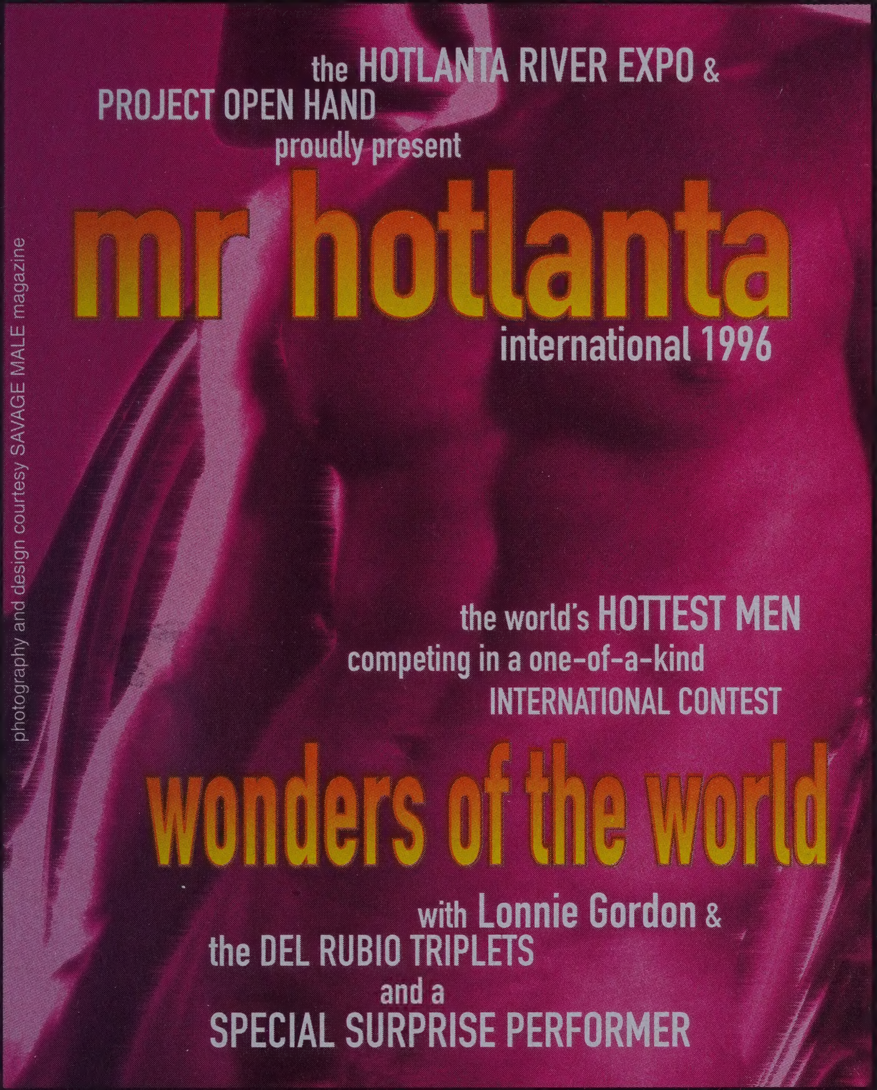

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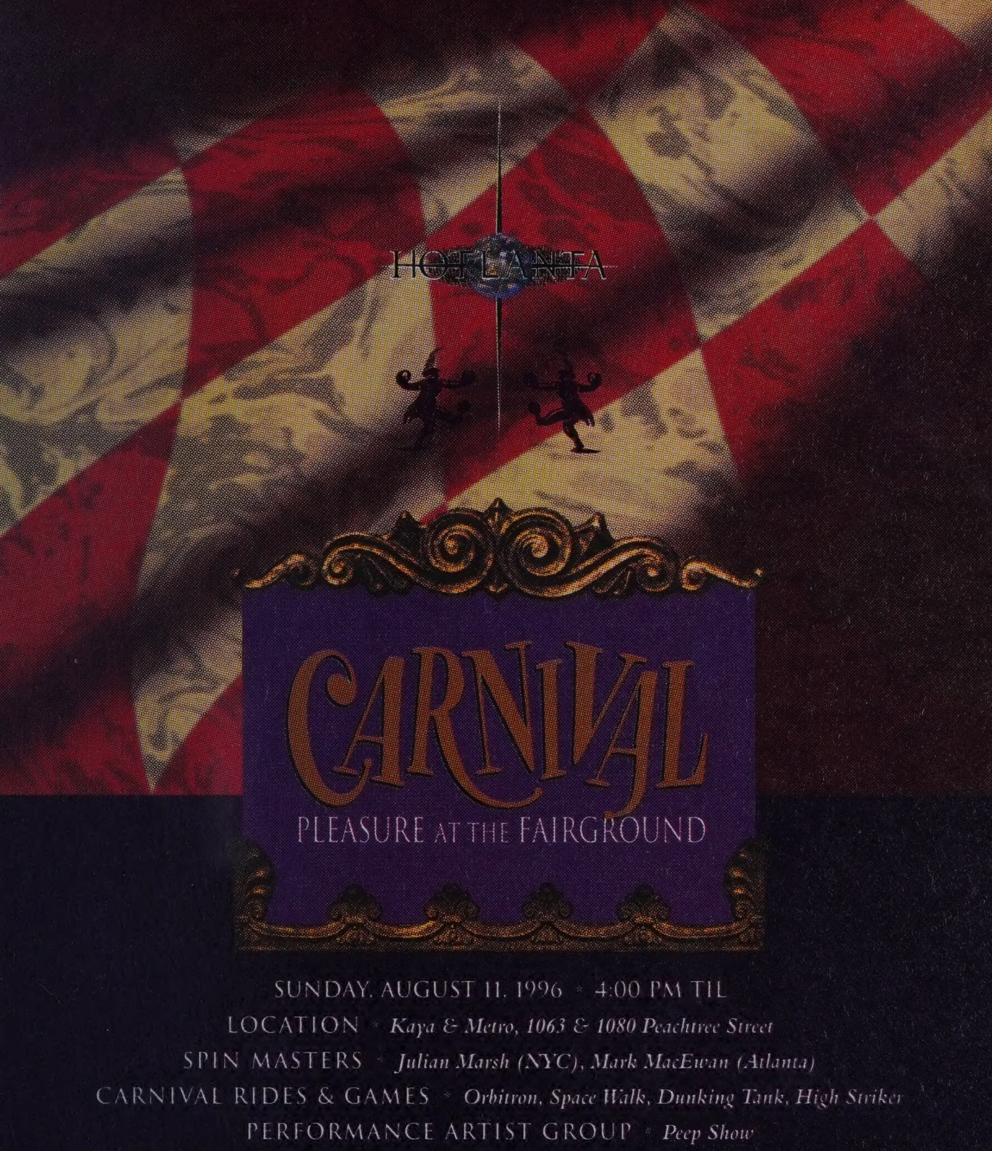

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BLONDIE

The Queen of Ponce de Leon

by Jeanne Peters

Tired of the Atlanta history "light" that has been issuing forth from our fair city this summer? Frustrated with sound-bite sized synopses of our past and sanitized images of our modern, wholesome, harmonious metropolis? Here's an Atlanta trivia question to cheer even the most recalcitrant Centennial Games curmudgeon: Who is the undisputed queen of Ponce de Leon Avenue? If you answered Blondie without missing a beat, count yourself among the Atlantans who remember that we had plenty of local color before the international press came in search of it.

You may, on the other hand, find yourself murmuring, "Blondie? I didn't know she left Dagwood and relocated in our city?" or worse yet, "Is that band trying to make a comeback?" If so, come along and discover the "real" Blondie - dancer, performer, sometime Poet Laureate of Atlanta and a very "out there" lesbian.

> "I think I've changed the image of strippers. We go to college. We're not stupid. I've gone to college. I just enjoy dancing."

It is 10:00 p.m. on a Friday, and the dancers at the Clermont Lounge are moving through their routines to the tunes of a jukebox and the low-key appreciation of a small band of regular customers. One sways to country tunes, while another bounces to Led Zeppelin. But when Blondie climbs up on the small stage behind the bar, it's to Melissa Etheridge belting out "I'm the Only One." Ms. Etheridge may be "the only one," but at this moment in time, Melissa shares the spotlight with another singular luminary.

Born Anita Ray Strange in Dayton, Ohio, this former star of school ballet and tap productions began her career in exotic dancing in a college town in Indiana at the age of 18. Blondie's first job after graduation was as a waitress in a Majestic-style restaurant. Low pay and cheeky customers spurred her onto the stage. As she recalls, "Guys pinched you on the butt, said, 'Hey honey, you're cute,' then left .50 ¢. Please, you gonna' be doing that, you better lay down some dollars."

And, says Blondie, the college boys did just that. However, it was at the Clermont Lounge on Ponce de Leon Avenue in Atlanta that she found a permanent arena for her talents. "I've been dancing at the Clermont, come August, 18 years." It was as the first African-American dancer at the Clermont that Blondie adopted her trademark hair, "blonde at both ends," as she describes it. It was, of course, the makeover that created both an image and a name for this girl "from a nice Christian background."

Sexuality is the groundwork of an exotic dancer's business, and Blondie has never been shy about hers. Having come out as a lesbian about two years ago, she explains, "I was always bi and never let anyone put me down about it." Although she recounts her bisexual past as a time when she was "having my fun," Blondie says she realized several years back that "women are closer to one another spiritually, emotionally, the whole thing."

She has long attended gay pride celebrations, and she developed a routine for the club this Fourth of July in which she danced with both an American flag and a rainbow flag. Club goers are apparently unfazed by her openness, perhaps sensing that she still finds her male customers "cute."

During her first decade at the Clermont, Blondie perfected her show-stopping move – crushing beer cans with her breasts. Others may have been inspired to imitate her: "One girl can crush a beer can between her butt," recounts Blondie. However, none have managed to surpass her hook: "I have the buttock muscles [to do that], but I just don't do it. I do it with my tits, that's my original thing. I crush it right down to a hockey puck, and sometimes I make it squirt. It has to be just perfect, just the right angle, just the right amount of liquid."

How does she continue to get it "just perfect?" With lots of practice. Even after 18 years, Blondie still carries home beer cans to brush up on her skills.

About nine years ago Blondie began using the stage of the Clermont as a showcase for another passion, her poetry. Having written all her life, she composes "all different kinds of poetry. I don't write just sad things," says Blondie, "I write happy, sleazy, tacky, whatever. I think that's why I've been chosen as Poet Laureate of Atlanta." Readers of Creative Loafing voted Blondie Best Entertainer and Poet Laureate in both 1992 and 1995, respectively.

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– Blondie, Atlanta's Poet Laureate

When asked why she writes, Blondie explains, "I enjoy writing and I enjoy dancing, both. It kind of goes hand in hand. I have to have both, or I would die."

Poetry has also served as a vehicle for educating others – from club regulars, the audience of Sally Jesse Raphael's talk show (where Blondie appeared in 1992), to Gay

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Blondie, before the show begins at the Clermont Lounge.

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Pride revelers in Piedmont Park, who this year were treated to impromptu readings of one of her latest poems, "Fourth of July." "I think I've changed the image of strippers. We go to college. We're not stupid. I've gone to college. I just enjoy dancing."

A bizarre accident last fall left Blondie a lot of time to work on her poetry. She was hit by a car while walking home from the club after work one night and sustained a compound fracture in her leg. Although unable to dance for three-and-a-half months, Blondie concentrated on a physical regime of walking and exercise which got her off her crutches in two months. Admitting that the break, which left two pins in her leg, was frightening for a dancer, Blondie recalls, "I was determined, I said [to the doctors], 'You will make me walk, and you will make me dance.'"

Blondie attributes her recovery to the many friends and well-wishers who stood by her throughout the ordeal. She is particularly grateful to all of the fans, including a bevy of local musicians, who supported benefits at the music venue Dottie's and at the Clermont. Blondie tears up as she recounts the love expressed by Atlantans after her accident.

She is also proud that the organizers of Atlanta's Wigwood asked her to read her poetry at this year's drag festival extraordinaire.

Blondie's artistic efforts have inspired others to pay her homage. Particularly memorable for both the dancer and denizens of Atlanta's music scene was the Redneck Grease Deluxe song, "Mama Was a Dancer at the Clermont Lounge," with cover photos featuring Blondie and band members in a bed at the Clermont Hotel, just upstairs from her home base.

So what else helps to make a legend? As Blondie says, "I have a certain niceness about me. Oh, I mean I can certainly be sassy, but…." Whether you go for nice or sassy, Blondie's is an act worth catching.

Although the Clermont Lounge may seem like an unlikely place for queers to congregate, Blondie wants to extend an invitation to all of "her people" to visit the club. Go on a Saturday for Disco Night, when the dancers take the main stage and the rest of the room becomes a dance floor for visitors, or go any night and ask for Blondie's "package deal," a table dance, beer can crushing and poetry reading for just $20.

She says just a glance at the Mardi Gras beads she scooped up at Pride this year should remind you that, "Whether I have these beads on or whether I don't, I always carry my pride with me."

And who knows, perhaps you will be the one to work out a very private dance with this "okay gal that's ready to give her life to the right woman." ▼

It's A Gay Town

by Elizabeth Elkins

"They said I was grinning like a Cheshire cat from ear to ear," Olympic torchbearer Harry Brown recounted. July 19, Brown and longtime friend Gerry Bright passed the torch in a unique way – from gay man to gay man, just down from the intersection of Virginia and North Highland Avenues. "We had a planned a routine. Gerry and I wanted to do something special – lock arms for a Kodak moment or something." The Virginia-Highland intersection (where their exchange was to take place) was so full of rather tipsy people that by 3:00 a.m. torch security was concerned. "We went to do our routine, and I was whisked off by security guards before we began," Brown laughed.

Brown was chosen as torchbearer because of his work with many AIDS bene-

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Torchbearer Kenneth D. Wade (center) hanging with members of Southern Element before the Opening Ceremonies.

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Canadian Olympic silver medalist Mark LeDuc speaking at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center.

Danish queers celebrating the Olympic Opening Ceremonies at AGLVC.

Gay torchbearer Gerry Bright running through an unruly Virgina Highland.

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fits, including the annual Artfest and the first ever Georgia AIDS walk in 1991. Bright was nominated for his volunteer work on the John Howell Park project. It's interesting to note that this was one of the rare instances that ACOG honored a request to allow the two friends to pass the torch to each other.

They were not the only gay men running the torch through Atlanta. Caterer and ACOG volunteer Kenneth D. Wade did the honors at Fort McPherson around 1:00 p.m. July 19. There, he also helped to light the Olympic cauldron at the Army base. Wade was nominated through the United Way's Community Hero program for his work with AIDS and cancer patients at The Atlanta Gay Center and with Interact. "It was a very emotional day for me as I remembered the friends and family I have lost to AIDS and to cancer," said Wade. "The adrenaline rush was the best part. When I saw the cauldron being lit at Opening Ceremonies I realized I was a little part of history."

While at the Olympic stadium, Wade snapped pictures with U.S. Pres. Bill Clinton and ACOG Pres. Billy Payne. Wade's torchbearing strides were recorded for upcoming specials on PBS (about the Olympic Spirit) and CNN (about lesbians and gay men). Volunteering has its privileges.

Retired Canadian boxing medalist Mark LeDuc spoke before a big-screen viewing of the Olympic Opening Ceremonies at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center. Nearly 300 people gathered – including four lesbian and gay Danes dressed patriotically to the nines – to hear LeDuc speak about his coming out and his lover of six years (Ray Helkio who was in attendance), plus seeing his Olympic silver medal, now dangling from a rainbow-colored ribbon.

Seeing is believing, according to Tim Blackmore: "I get to see some great stuff. A few days ago a bunch of French athletes wearing only their hats and their jockstraps got on my tram." Blackmore runs a tram for the athletes in the Olympic Village. "There's the obvious language barrier," Blackmore continued, "but some athletes sit shotgun with me and talk. I wouldn't say there's a big gay presence, but these guys have probably just got winning on their mind right now."

"We were so happy to be in the most artistic part of the ceremonies," Richard Smith said. Smith is the co-director of Southern Element, a 12-person Gay Town-based drill team you may have seen marching in the last eight Pride parades. On July 19, however, the world was watching them as well. The team participated in the Summertime part of the Olympic Opening Ceremonies – the Cirque de Soliel-esque segment that began just after Gladys Knight's rendition of "Georgia." About 9:30 p.m. Southern Element led the "river" out onto the field. Organizers were so impressed with the team during rehearsals that they asked three members, Smith, Les Parker and J.C. Robinson, to choreograph sections of the routine. Southern Element will be marching in the Closing Ceremonies on Aug. 4, as well.

Here's something you won't see in these Olympic Games: a male synchronized swimmer. Bill May, a California high school senior, is ranked number two in the country in synchronized swimming, but he couldn't come to Atlanta because Olympic charter rules prevent men in the "all-female" sport. The reason? Dissimilar costume and body structure. May isn't too concerned about getting to Sydney in 2000, however. A recent article quoted him as saying,

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"Sure, that's what I want to top of my career, but your whole synchronized swimming career shouldn't be based on just one meet." Good advice for us all.

There is something queer afoot in the Centennial Olympic Park. Look closely as you are walking through Section 38 (between the Olympic Rings fountain and CNN Center). There along side thousands of other commemorative pavers is a light-colored Olympics Out of Cobb brick. The brick, dated July 1994, is a manifestation of the work of Pat Hussain, Jon Ivan Weaver and their colleague Eric Van Pelt.

Weaver and Hussain are the co-authors of "Spiked: Olympics Out Of Cobb" (770-248-9448) and former co-chairs of the organization responsible for Georgia's anti-gay county losing their Olympic glory. Weaver says the books are moving extremely well, with distributors on both the East and West Coast picking it up. At press time, Olympics Out of Cobb was planning to celebrate the second anniversary of their *first* victory on July 29, at Café Diem. "We're finally relaxing and ready to celebrate," Weaver said.

In the meantime, he is a host at the Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center while Hussain continues to work with an alternative media center, stressing the importance of Atlanta's social issues to the international press.

Resurrected with a different name and a different purpose. The "unique new dining experience" of Mumbo Jumbo celebrated its grand opening July 8. The restaurant, located at 89 Park Place downtown, has been described as "an incredible rehabilitation of Velvet" and "ultra swank and cool." Just the right spot to chill while roaming Atlanta's hot Olympic ring.

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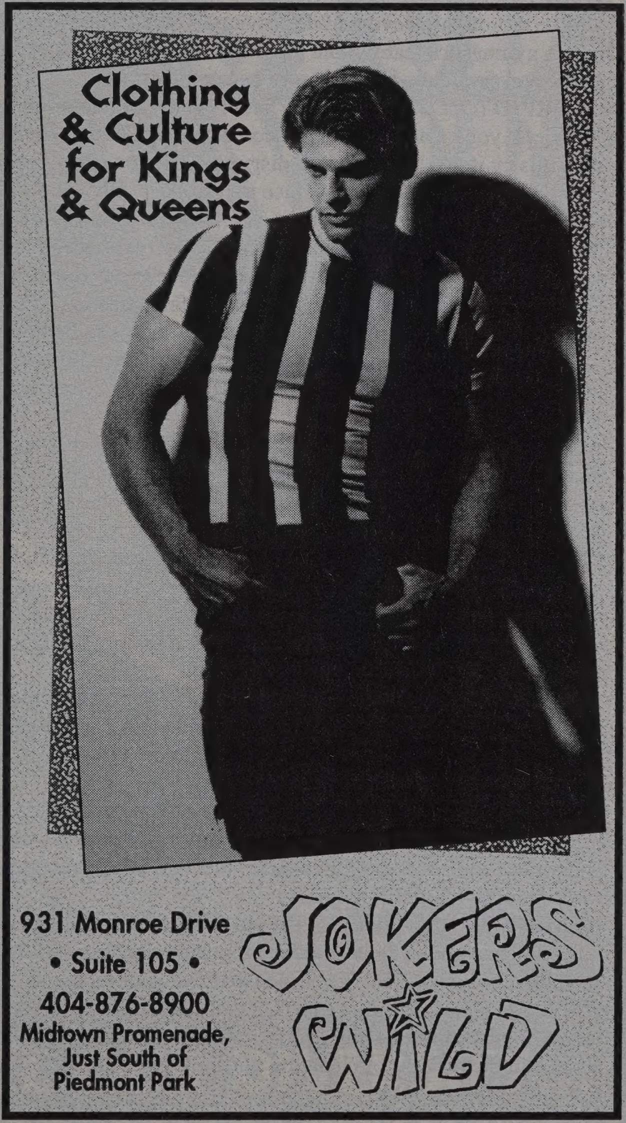
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ASTRAL PROJECTIONS

……… by Ava Voorhis

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Someone close to you is annoying the heck out of you. Before you consult your copy of "The Anarchist's Cookbook" for an interesting recipe or two, try removing yourself from the immediate situation, if at all possible. Any patterns you see here should be analyzed because chances are…you have a hand in this as well.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* You may know exactly what you want, but the question is, how do you get it? Here's where patience wins out, and although you generally have a large reserve of it, it's been sorely tested lately. Why is it that as soon as you stop wanting something really badly, you usually get it? Well, sometimes it's time to put out the flame.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Hey you, yeah, you with the drool on your chin! Now that you've thoroughly devoured the Olympics on TV (and your thoughts of devouring the men's gymnastics team or the women's field hockey team), it's time to get up off that couch and find out what your own personal best is.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* That dry sense of humor of yours could get you into lots of trouble, if you're not careful. Humor is great for easing tension, but it can also create it, particularly if you're using it to disguise what you really feel about a situation. A crack in the mirror can cause your true face to distort.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* An upcoming trip has an uncertain outcome, but it's necessary, nonetheless. Your life road has several impending forks. There's no need to put your directional on yet; you're nowhere close to any decision making.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Isn't life interesting? You're the one who is usually most vocal about values and morals, and as such, can be just a little bit condescending to those who don't measure up. That's why every once in a while the universe needs to put you in a place that conflicts with your own system of beliefs. It's called being human, not inferior.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* Ever the peacemaker, you're called upon once again to make things right. The difference now is that you might not be as enthused about your position as you once were. Learn to know when self-sacrifice is too great and that you don't always have to be the one who goes there.

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* Life is crazier than usual right now, and you're doing your part to hang in there. Just a few more days of special events, nagging company, too little sleep, etc. Still, it's important you pay attention to diet and your nutritional needs right now. Stress level is at a high, so pay extra attention to your body. Take a deep breath and say to yourself, "It's almost over!"

ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* Your belief system is shifting, and with it comes all the insecurities that you've ever had. A re-evaluation of your entire life is in progress. While this isn't a bad thing at all, it can be scary in the throes of it. You're on the right course, though. Stick with it!

TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* You're in a new relationship, though this isn't necessarily romantic. In any relationship, communication determines whether or not it will work. Right now you're learning how to do just that. Make sure you're clear and honest. The less assumptions you make, the better.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* People always think that Geminis are hard to predict, but your sign has gotten an undeserved reputation on this one. For the most part, you're very grounded and stable. However, you do have your moments…and this is one of them.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* That crab-like tenacity of yours has grabbed onto some bad habits, but by the same note, when you get something right, you do it that way forever. You're in the process of changing yourself. Now the trick is to stick with it long enough to make it a lifelong habit.

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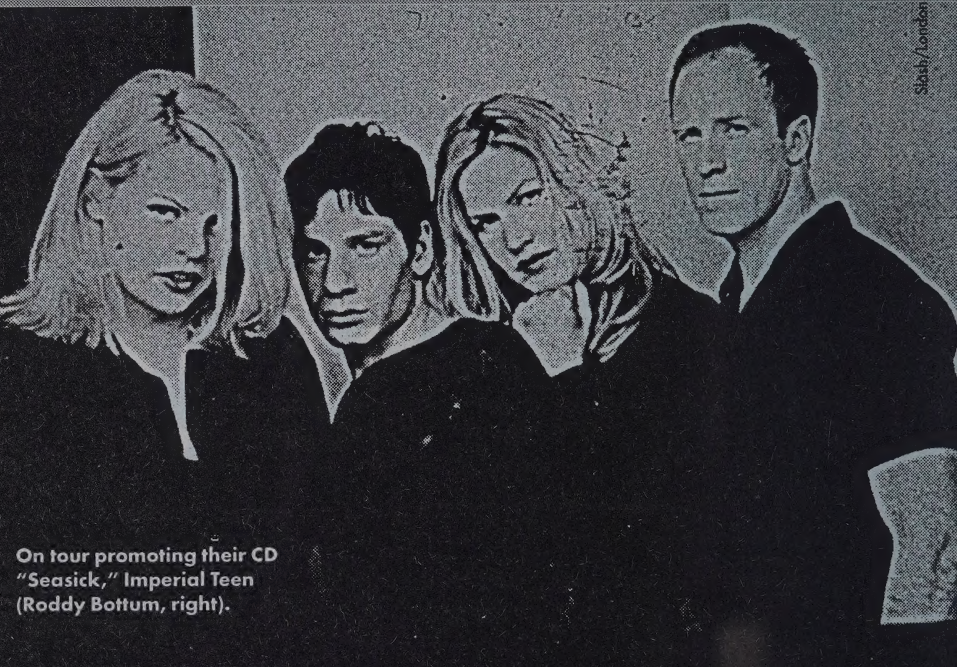

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On tour promoting their CD "Seasick," Imperial Teen (Roddy Bottum, right).

IMPERIAL TEEN'S GAY-FRIENDLY VIBE

by David A. Moore

“People in the other band are doin' a lot of things, too,” explains vocalist and lyricist Roddy Bottum, in reference to his dual band status with Imperial Teen and Faith No More. “I just sort of have to do what's important for me. It's a matter of prioritizing. Right now I'm really into Imperial Teen, but I expect with Faith No More, we'll put out another record after the first of the year.”

Bottum's involvement with Imperial Teen came about during a time of great personal loss. “My Dad had died and so had a lot of friends. This was at the end of a year-long tour with Faith No More. I came home to a lot of crises.”

For the vividly queer Bottum, home is San Francisco. It was there that he, along with longtime friends Lynn Perko, Jone Stebbins and new friend Will Schwartz would work together to form Imperial Teen.

“We started out as ‘Star 69,'” Bottum recalls with a chuckle. But there was already another band with that name. So we decided to go with Imperial Teen. We liked the way it sounded.”

After six months of work, the group put out their first CD, “Seasick” (London/Slash). Currently they're on tour to promote the release, which debuted this past June. “This tour takes us to 25 different cities,” explains Bottum. “Right now we're doing the states, and then we'll go to England for awhile, then we come back here again.”

Along with the new band comes a new sound as well as a new attitude for Bottum. “Faith No More was started during a particularly ‘angsty' point in my life,” he recalls. “I was hanging out with a lot of angry boys, and my music reflected that.

“For myself, I really needed to be in a more positive environment. That coincided with what Jone was feeling at the same time. She wasn't getting what she wanted out of the band she was with. Imperial Teen's sound is a little more palatable and not so hard on the ears.”

The 11-song CD captures a varied range of sounds from ballad (“Imperial Teen”) to hard-edge (“Water Boy”) and likable pop (“You're One”). For the queer music fan, Bottum's lyrics have been frequently described as homoerotic in content. “Yes, I'd definitely say they are,” Bottom agrees. “In the music we're making now, I'd like to think that there is a certain amount of sex-appeal with the men in the band and the women in the band. There's a lot of different sexual elements going on. I think to convey an air of sexuality is important.”

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Queer response to Imperial Teen has definitely been much stronger than with Faith No More. "I don't think Faith No More's sound and vibes are so gay friendly," he offers. "This band is a little more conducive."

That aspect of Imperial Teen is one that Bottum finds decidedly more appealing. "I identify with the gay community, as a minority and the amount of sufferance we've been through. As far as my art goes, I don't consider what I do a gay-specific thing, but I want gay people to like the music.

"I think that being out has been a positive influence on my career. I think it can turn off people, but I think that works to my advantage. I don't want people who have a problem with that liking the stuff I'm into anyway. It's sort of a weeding out process, I suppose."

Despite the fact Imperial Teen's sound has repeatedly been described as happy and fun, there's a serious message underneath that's clearly reflective of Bottum's feelings over the loss of his Dad and his friends, among them the late Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain. "He was a real special person in my life.

"At the time I wrote this material, there was so much going on in my life. My Dad had died, a couple of other people had died in addition to Kurt," Bottom recalls. "I'd also just broken up with this guy I'd been going out with for years and years, so all of that is kind of channelled together in a couple of songs."

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Where are the dykes?

As a college softball coach and someone who has been involved in sports all my life, I've often wondered why it was so hard for female athletes to come out, specifically my players. I mean really, just who are they trying to fool? Certainly not the opposing lesbian coaches!

Being an out coach and educator I felt I could set a good example for them and hopefully they would just follow my lead and feel proud, safe and secure with their sexuality. Boy, was I wrong! Instead they learned that maybe coach doesn't know everything and that sometimes it's better to keep things to yourself.

As for myself, my visibility led to my forced resignation. No matter what anyone at the college says, this was a sexual orientation issue. If not, why was a professor dismissed earlier in the year for the same thing? (It just so happened to be someone I was dating and my predecessor.) But forgive me for my insinuations, I'm just a coach, not a human resources expert.

Now, back to the issue at hand, the visibility of lesbian athletes. The college I referred to has a chapter of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Friends (GLBF) on its campus. Ironically, not a single athlete, male or female, belongs to it. I questioned this and got some interesting responses from my players.

"We can't be members of that group," one player said. "Everyone will know we're gay. Besides, there are more athletes who are gay than there are members in that entire group. How would that look?"

> "Don't let that dyke get away with pushing under the boards! But be careful, her 6'1" girlfriend will thrash you when she gets back up the court!"

Needless to say, I was shocked. Being a South Floridian, I thought for sure it would be easier to be a lesbian up here. In an effort to get my kids involved, I started doing activities with GLBF but to no avail. They were not going to change things for their coach, so I didn't push the issue.

Then during basketball season, something happened at a game that really opened my eyes. When I get comments from the crowd like "the coach is a dyke," I just blow it off and go on. I'm pretty immune to it - after all, I have three world championship rings. No straight wanna-be coach in the stands is worthy enough to carry my sports bra, let along call me a dyke.

At a game, from clear across a crowded gym, I heard a fan from an opposing team yell something to the effect of: "Don't let that dyke get away with pushing under the boards! But be careful, her 6'1" girlfriend will thrash you when she gets back up the court!"

This idiot was referring to two players who are both as straight as a first-base line. I mean, he picked out the wrong kids, one of whom is engaged to be married *to a man* this summer.

And what was his deciding factor do you suppose? Their appearance, no doubt. You can thank stereotyping for singling out these two. Just because they may "look like lesbians" doesn't mean they are. It just so happens they are excellent ball players and happen to look like tomboys. Big deal. All-Americans aren't exactly chosen because they look good.

The harsh reality is that most of the time when female athletes are good and not the most feminine looking, they are automatically labeled as being lesbians. This assumption has had a negative effect on my players, and I'm sure it effects so many more.

Case in point, when Martina Navratilova came out, no one was really surprised. Yet, for a long time she remained the only visible and out professional athlete who was a lesbian. Muffin Spencer-Devlin, an 18-year veteran of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), became the first LPGA player to declare she's gay (in Sports Illustrated!).

> Going into the Olympics, how many openly lesbian/gay athletes are there?

How should that make us all feel? Great, I suppose. Hopefully more lesbians who are role models and visible to young athletes will do the same, but don't expect many to jump on the bandwagon right away. It's still taboo, and that is what our younger lesbian generation is learning.

Going into the Olympics, how many openly lesbian/gay athletes are there? Just one, U.S. diver David Pichler. No out lesbians. Maybe after they win the gold (let's keep our fingers crossed) a few on the U.S. Women's Basketball Team will come out but maybe not, because of possible spokesperson and sponsorship contracts.

Will I be as visible in my next coaching position? It's hard to say. I've learned as much from my players as they have learned from me, I'm sure. I'm not willing to make that commitment right now.

Well, at least one thing, the rumor that has been around for nearly 46 years has been verified. Sports writers used to joke: "The letters LPGA stand for Lesbian Professional Golfers Association." Now we have at least one member who is confirmed. ▼

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"Queer Science" by Simon LeVay (MIT Press, $25 cloth). "Queer Science" is one of those books that make you think you are reading a college textbook. I am sure that with the spread of political correctness it is just a matter of time before it becomes one.

LeVay has combined several topics: the history of scientific study on homosexuality, the social impacts of this study and his own theories on why we are gay or straight. LeVay is the man responsible for the whole hypothalamus fiasco that happened a few years back (his report in the journal Science started the debate).

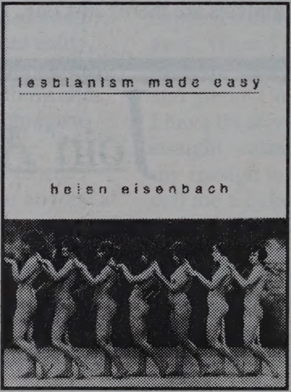
It's a tough book to read: first, you'll need a psychology dictionary beside you, and, second, you'll be frustrated by its lack of closure. LeVay offers summaries, suggestions and quite a few insightful opinions ("I do claim that gay people have a certain privileged insight into their own natures," he muses). "Queer Science" is worthwhile for its history lessons, and, if nothing more, for the fact that it is one of the few available scientific-based titles written from the gay and lesbian viewpoint. LeVay is openly gay - whether or not this creates a scientific *bias* of sorts is up to you.

– Elizabeth Elkins

"Push" by Sapphire (Knopf, $20 cloth). An incredible first novel by the writer best known as a poet and performance artist (and one of the ReSearch Series' Angry Women). With an amazing and masterful use of language that recreates desperate near-illiteracy while being stunningly poetic, Sapphire tells the story of Precious Jones, a twice-pregnant teenage black girl who, as my friend Flint put it, "learns to live an unlivable life."

Yes, it's a harsh and brutal story - not your light summer reading - but even though this sounds like a sickening cliche, the author takes you through the raw and honest details of this girl's life toward a sense of real hope. And her narrative mastery is such that you'll probably tear through this in a single sitting. You won't feel as if you just came from "The Birdcage," but your mind and soul will be amply rewarded.

– Rob Nixon



"Lesbianism Made Easy" by Helen Eisenbach (Crown, $20 cloth). According to this coffee table collection, it is necessary to "smooth the potentially difficult transition that a would-be daughter of Sappho may face." Okay, so Eisenbach's heart is in the right place. She hopes to humorously teach future lesbians how to be homosexual, how to pick up girls (straight girls as well for those of you interested in that hell), how to have sex, how to choose a pet and how to heal your inner lesbian. Also included: social skills, family values and helpful hints for the so-called "bisexually challenged."

There is an occasional honest laugh within, but it seems more likely a big inside joke that doesn't translate to the lesbian masses. The cover artwork, however, is a nostalgic treat.

– Elizabeth Elkins

"Acting = Life: An Actor's Life Lessons" by Michael Kearns (Heinemann, $15.95 paper). Michael Kearns is an actor who has been teaching acting for over a decade, mostly, but not exclusively, to HIV-positive students. This book is the result of that experience and works from the premise that acting is a form of self-expression, an integration of one's life rather than an escape from it. Written as a series of exercises, games, meditations for actors who are "intent on living their lives as authentically as possible," it's worthy in that respect, but also is valuable for non-actors.

Kearns is also the author of the book "T-Cells & Sympathy: Monologues in the Age of AIDS" (Heinemann, $9.95 paper). That book, also the result of acting workshops and classes, came out last October and was a finalist in the Lambda Literary Awards. They make good companion pieces as well as excellent reminders, this far into crisis and burn out, that there are still many things AIDS can teach us.

– Rob Nixon

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the next few weeks. But others in the industry agree with Bailiff that more needs to be known. Scott Page, president of the National Viatical Association and the Florida-based viatical settlement firm of Page and Associates, said the encouraging news from the conference does not tell the whole story, "nor is it the long hoped-for cure to the physical and financial ravages caused by AIDS…." Page further pointed to the assessment by Martin Delaney, founding director of Project Inform of San Francisco, that it would take a decade or more before a full picture of the new drugs' effects emerges.

But that may not stop some companies from changing their policies, and critics say that is unfair to the many people without access to the drugs. Bailiff believes an industry-wide standard should not be applied to someone not on the new treatments.

"Whether a client is on protease inhibitors does make a difference, so I believe each case can be looked at individually," he says.

Nevertheless, Benefits America President Brian Freeman agrees with Bailiff that payout criteria will be changing drastically. He urges, therefore, that people act quickly.

"At least they need to get an application in and find out what their policy's worth, so they can make an informed decision," Freeman says. As for his own company, Freeman claims Benefits America will survive because it has branched out into viatical settlements for other terminal diseases, such as cancer.

*69 *with* Betty Jack DeVine

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"PROBLEMS? QUESTIONS? I'LL GET RIGHT BACK TO YOU!"

Hello, Betty Jack?

I'm calling in regard to the letter from Anonymous that you answered in Etcetera (Vol. 12, # 28). I want to let you know that many of us agree with your advice. I am 37; my lover is 21; we've been together a year and a half. I am not his "sugar daddy." We both work more than 40 hours a week. If you find somebody you have interesting conversations with, you have fun together and you enjoy each other's company, that's what a relationship is all about. Anybody who would look at a couple who are 27 and 35 and think they are "eons apart" simply does not understand what a relationship is about. We want to applaud your column; keep up the good work.

– A-town Guy

Hello, Betty Jack?

I wanted to e-mail and let you know that you're doing an outstanding job with your advice column! Tell Anonymous to get a life. Love knows no age, color or gender restrictions. My spouse and I have been married for a year; we've been together 2.5 years. He's 25, and I'm 33. He's the best thing that ever happened to me, and I couldn't imagine life without him. The only "eons" are the ones between the mind of Anonymous and the real world! As for you, Ms. Betty Jack, you go girl!

– Loyal Reader, Nashville

Hello, Betty Jack?

Anonymous needs to have his head examined. I am in a relationship with a man almost 10 years older than myself (30/40), and it's great! You're right: we are not always attracted to others in our own age group. If you find someone you like, go for it! Thanks for writing a great column!

– Jim Dandy, Atlanta

Thank y'all so much!

Friends, I've partied with so many wonderful people during Atlanta's fabulous Olympic Games! It's been a thrill to be around so many gorgeous international guests – y'all need to move here and help us take over the ATL!

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COUCH TALK

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Hi Kidzzz...

Here we are folks, beginning the final days of the Summer Olympics. We've seen chrome pick-up trucks welcome the world, our fine president, **Bill Clinton**, trip into the stadium during Opening Ceremonies and watched as athletes scored triumphs and felt defeats. And, if you haven't noticed, YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE BARS AND BUSINESSES IN TOWN! This week is your last chance to catch a glimpse of the mania in the Olympic ring, but be sure to frequent only those places that are here to stay (instead of the money hungry rip-offs here only for the games). Have fun and keep rooting for the home teams!

The evening prior to the Opening Ceremonies, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the opening concert for **Gloria Estefan**'s "Evolution" world tour at Lakewood Amphitheater. My companion DJ **Tomas** of **Sol** and Transfer and I joined Atlanta DJs **Stuart Gardner** of Backstreet, **Jackson Taylor** of Bulldogs, circuit party DJ **Buc** and **Frank Ceraolo** of Sony/Epic Records. Gloria wowed the sold-out crowd with nearly every hit from her ten year platinum recording career, including bringing out female impersonators **Julian "Viva"** and **Willie Rodriguez** for the performance of "Everlasting Love." Her 15-year-old son, **Nayib,** joined the band for her final song, "Reach," the 1996 Olympic Anthem. After the concert, our entourage went backstage where I met the female impersonators, Nayib, Gloria's husband and producer **Emilio** and the diva herself. Gloria asked me to say a special thanks you to her queer fans for being the one group of her fans to support her career diligently from the release of her first hit "Conga." She has supported many queer causes throughout the years as a tangible way to thank our community. She also sent heartfelt condolences to all of the fans of **Amber Richards**, on the loss of one of the finest Gloria impersonators of which she had heard much about.

Following the concert, I met up with Etcetera magazine Publisher **Jim Heverly**, Advertising Manager **Ron Whalen** and my assistant **Tiffany Ethridge** in Virginia and Highlands to see the last leg of the Olympic Torch Relay. **Harry Brown** of Burkhart's finally strode by (two hours late) with cheers from the ample crowd that included a bus load of Burkhart's employees and customers. The crowd got a brief thrill earlier in the evening as a group of streakers ran by carrying their own home-made torch.

Saturday, July 13, saw the world premier of the movie "Fled," complete with stars **Stephen Baldwin** and **Lawrence Fishburne**. **Raven**, star of **Charlie Brown**'s Cabaret at Backstreet, also attended with photographer **Harold Daniels**, as the guest of Stephen. It seems he has developed quite a fancy for Raven, whom he stopped in at Backstreet to see during the following night's show. These feelings are so strong that he took Raven to his awaiting limo to personally confess his infatuation. Stephen also mentioned Raven on the July 15, morning show on 99X radio and further mentioned that he loves to see the show whenever in town. I wonder what little wifey thinks of all this?

Charlie's Cabaret is really in the spotlight these days. Global Network of Brazil came by to film the show. The footage is to be aired there during their Olympic coverage. **Shawnna Brooks** of the Cabaret has also filmed a commercial for German Television at Backstreet. Charlie is also in the process of developing franchises of her Cabaret success. Cherry Street Pub in Macon now presents their aptly named showroom, "Charlie Brown's Little Cabaret." Be sure to stop in during the games and catch Atlanta bar personality **Brenda Thorpe** as guest bartender during the shows at the "big" Cabaret, seven nights a week.

The Metro has also been chocked full of visiting entertainment of late. Adult film star and singer **David Burrill** performed July 12 – 14. July 15, saw the Atlanta return of **Trella Thomas** and her dancing **Texas Tornadoes**. Columnist **Ida Popter** of Male-

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man Funzine in Dallas was once again in tow. We had quite the time as we terrorized the town together. Congrats also to Metro bartender **Ed Cieslak**, who is working as an interpreter for the French Olympic Gymnastics and Swim teams.

I had the pleasure to emcee the Miss Georgia Entertainer of the Year preliminary at the Armory on Monday, July 15. **Coco**, the current reigning Miss Entertainer of the Year, was on hand to crown the winner, **Mokha Montrese** of Backstreet. Joining Mokha were first runner-up **Alicia Kelley** and second runner-up **Lauren Mitchell**. Congrats to promoter **David Tyler White** on introducing this prelim back to Georgia.

Other pageant results include Miss Southern States Continental, held at Southern Nights in Orlando, crowning **Danielle Hunter**. Miss Empress of Atlanta was held at the Armory on Saturday, July 20, with **The Lady Jonel** of Backstreet as winner and **Tasha Kahn** as first runner-up. Be sure to catch the Miss Hotlanta contest, scheduled for the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel Ballroom on Thursday, Aug. 8.

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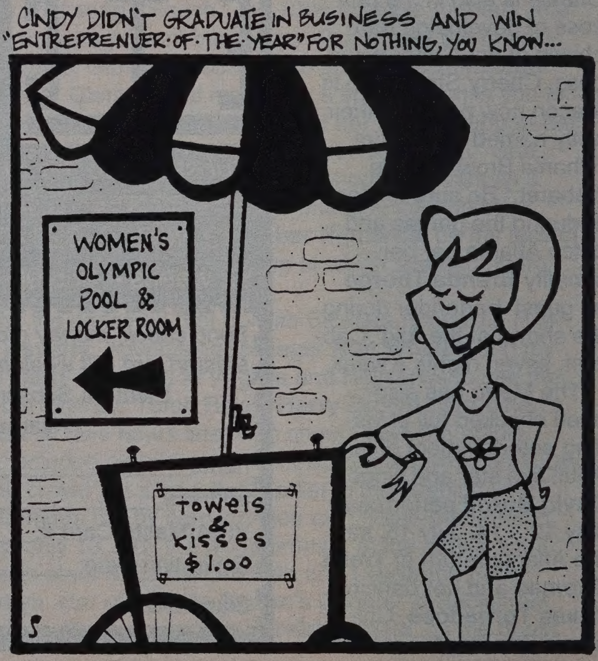
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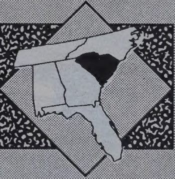

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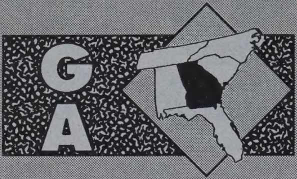

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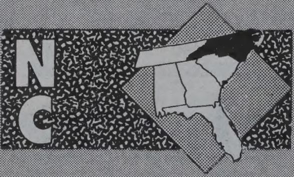

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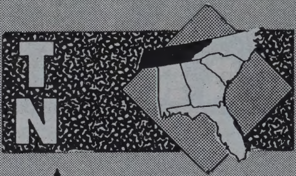

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Happy birthday to **Bob Bargeron** (8.3), **Tallulah Banks** of Opus 1 (8.6), **Jeff Battista** of Blake's (8.7), **Bart Clennon** of Backstreet (8.7), The Lady Jonel of Backstreet (8.8), **Rusty Lockhart** (8.8) and entertainer **Lauren Mitchell** (8.8).

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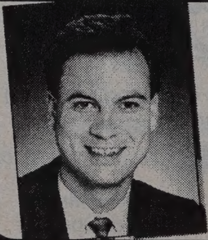

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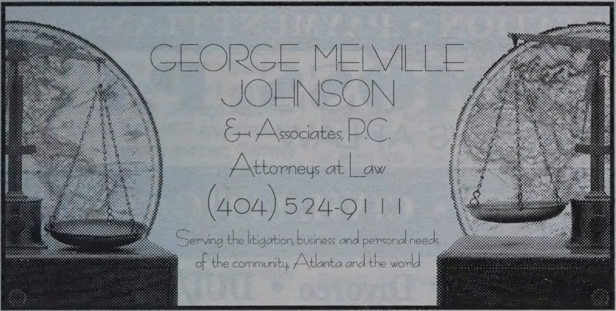

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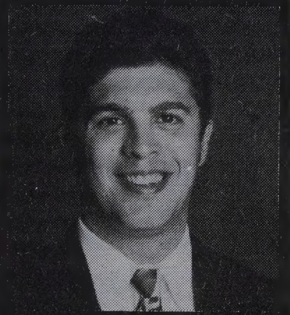

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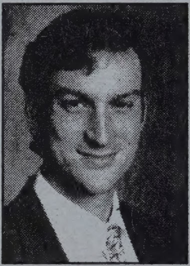
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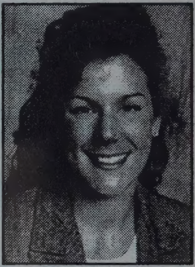
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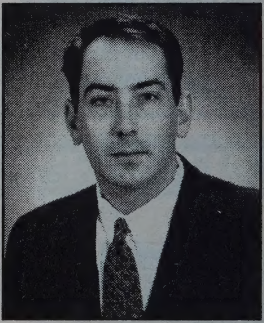
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if you see something queer at a sporting event, during Olympic festivities, in a restaurant, while shopping, next to you in bed wearing a gold medal, whatever ... let Etcetera magazine know about it! Call the It's a Gay Town hotline at **404-256-8682**. Photos are also welcome – call Jack at **404-525-3821**. (Limit one entry per day. No coupons allowed. Void with any other offers.) [32]

The National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) has announced plans to hold the organization's third annual national conference in historic Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 5-8, at the Hospitality House Hotel located directly across from the College of William & Mary. (510) 465-9344. [32]

Ovette, MS – Camp Sister Spirit pot luck supper the 3rd Saturday of each month. Womyn's full-moon circle & discussion on each full moon. Camp Sister Spirit, PO Box 12, Ovett, MS 39464, 601-344-1411. [32]

Binet Atlanta – a social/political/support group for bisexuals and bi-friendly people. Meetings first Wednesday and third Friday of each month. 404/256-8992. [32]

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Positive Impact is providing a new program for children. S.T.A.R. (Specialized Therapeutic Art and Recreation). This program will include services for children and adolescents with HIV and seronegative children and siblings in families dealing with HIV. Contact the peer counseling program at AIDS Survival Project for a referral to this program, available free of any cost to participating families. 404-874-7926. [32]

"Queering the South," a conference that is being organized by a group of local activists and academics. Meeting 3-4 p.m., Sunday, August 4, at Kalo's Coffee House, by the intersection of Clairmont and N. Decatur Rd. [32]

AIDS Education and Service for Minorities, Inc. Support group for African-American men living with HIV, Tuesdays 1-2 pm. AESM (404) 753-2900.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIDS WALK ATLANTA

needs daytime and evening volunteers. Individuals and groups are welcome. For information, call (404) 876-9255. [43]

DECATUR-DEKALB GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

Forum: The Gay Experience through the Generations, personal reflections from guest speakers. Aug. 19, 7:30pm - 9pm, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE. (404) 378-7210. [34]

LESBIAN & GAY FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH

Public information sessions: 8:30 to 10am, Mon., Aug. 12 at the Nonprofit Resource Center, 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 225. In addition, a Town Hall Meeting of people concerned about sexual minority youth is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 16. (404) 688-5525. [33]

ACT UP ATLANTA

is looking for a volunteer to coordinate campaign to benefit PLWA with employment opportunities. Interest in community activism and familiarity with the employment field are recommended but not required. Call Roger (404) 521-2518 or the ACT Up line (404) 874-6782. [33]

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BULLETIN BOARD.........

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The Guild BBS – 423-522-4674
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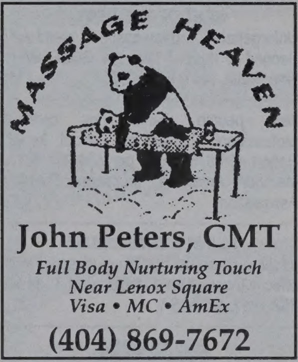

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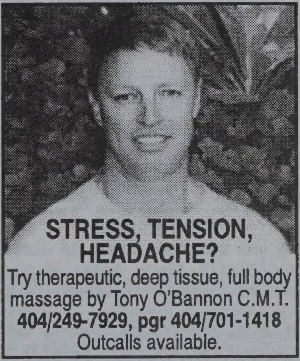

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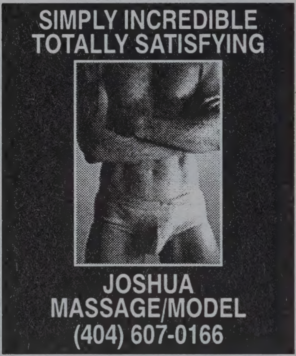
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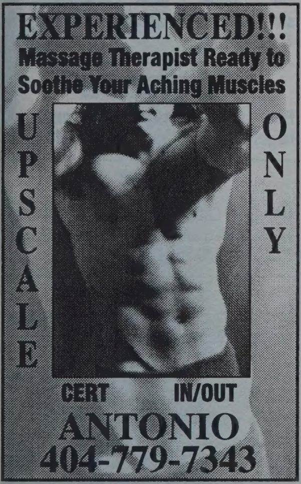

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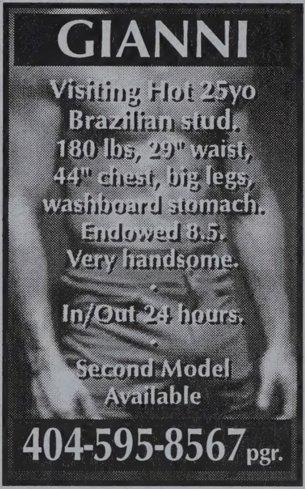

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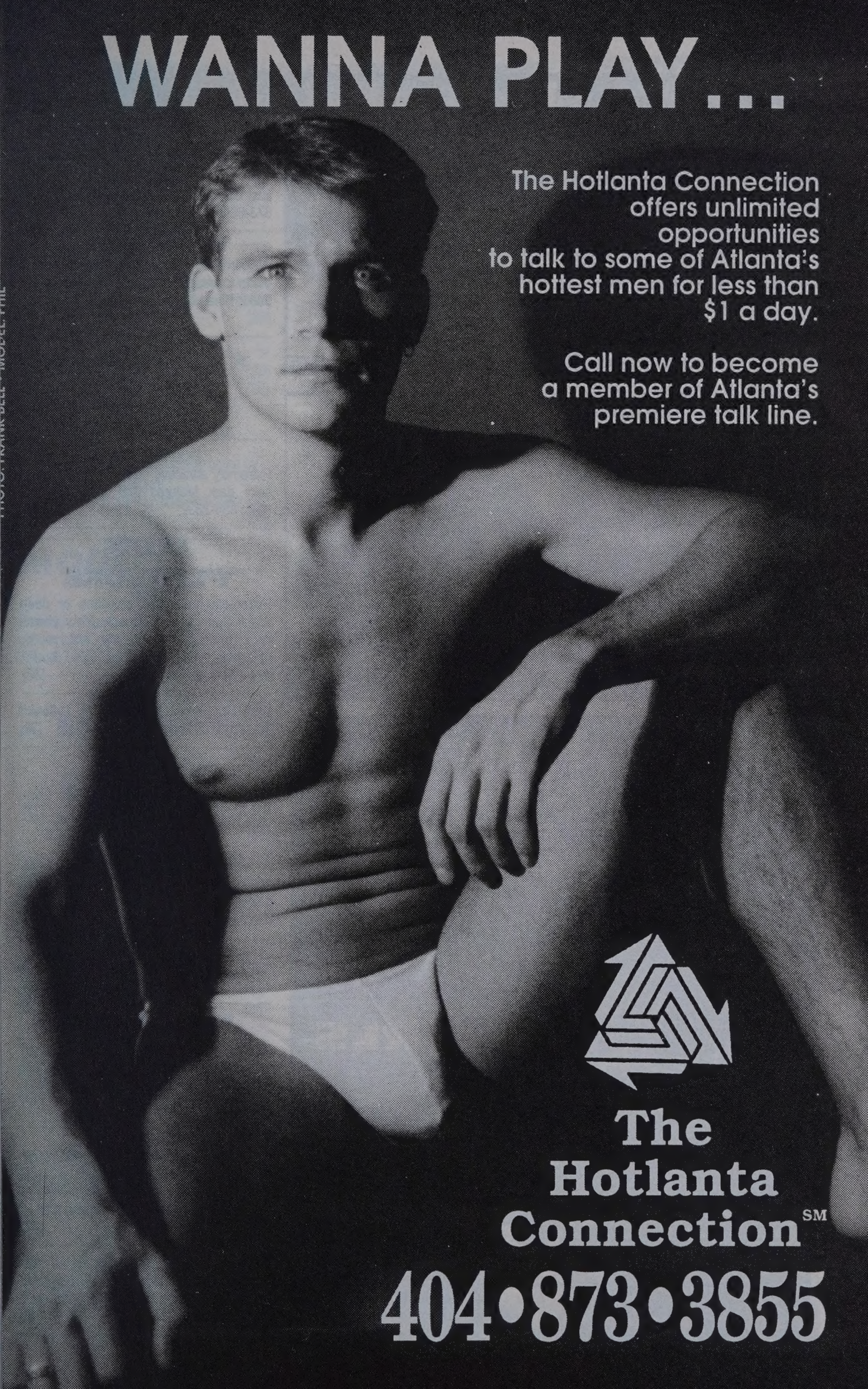

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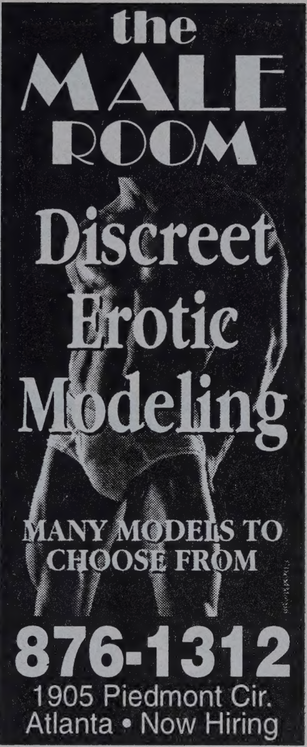

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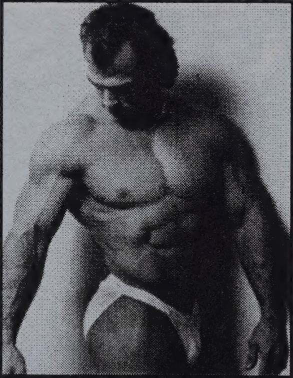

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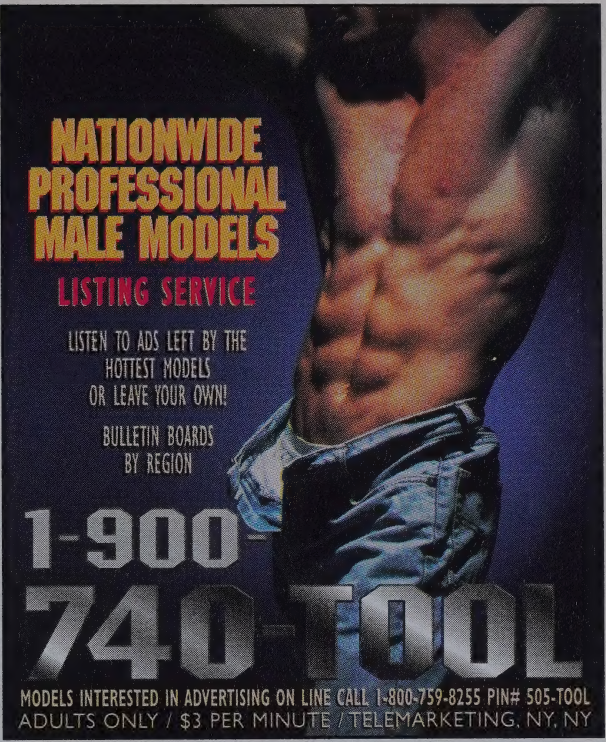

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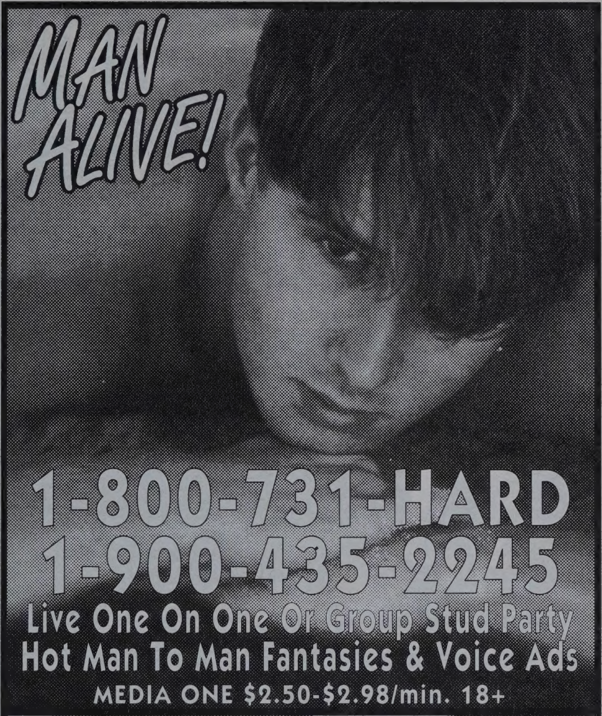
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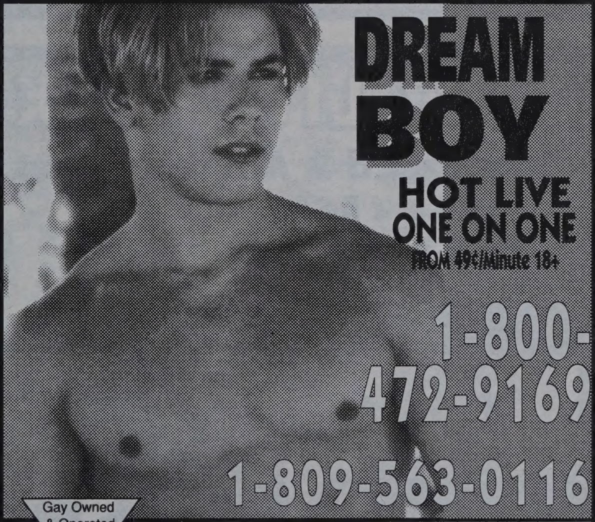
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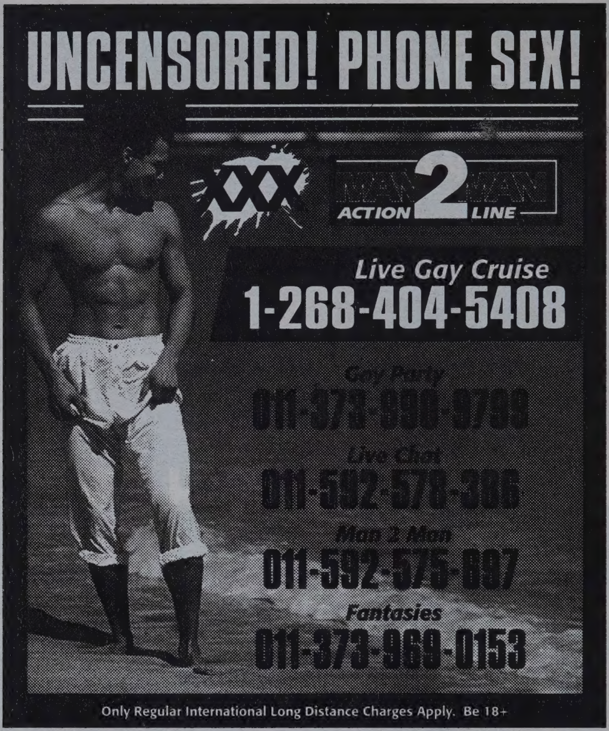
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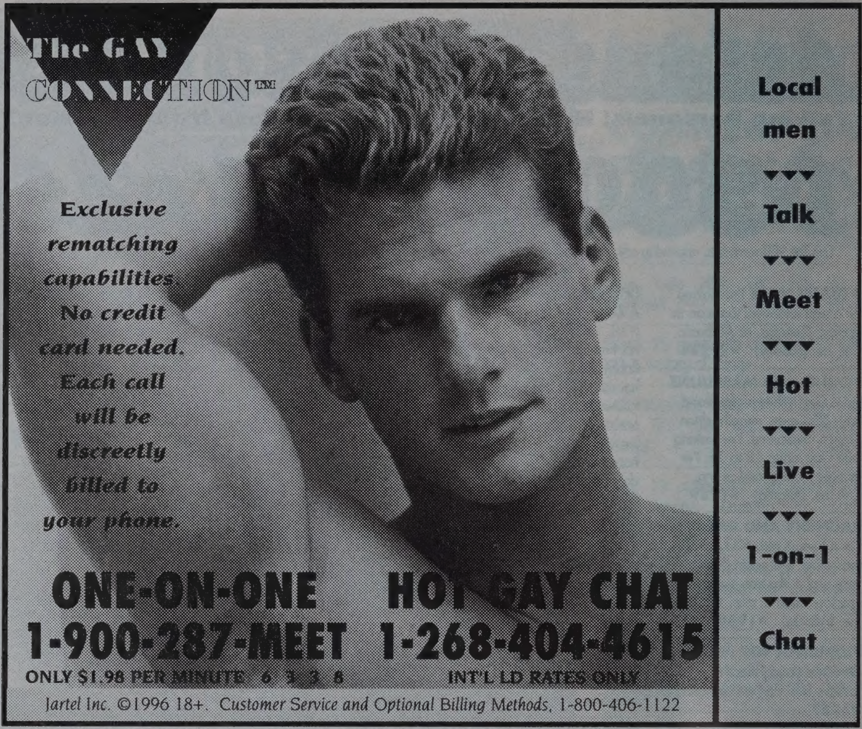

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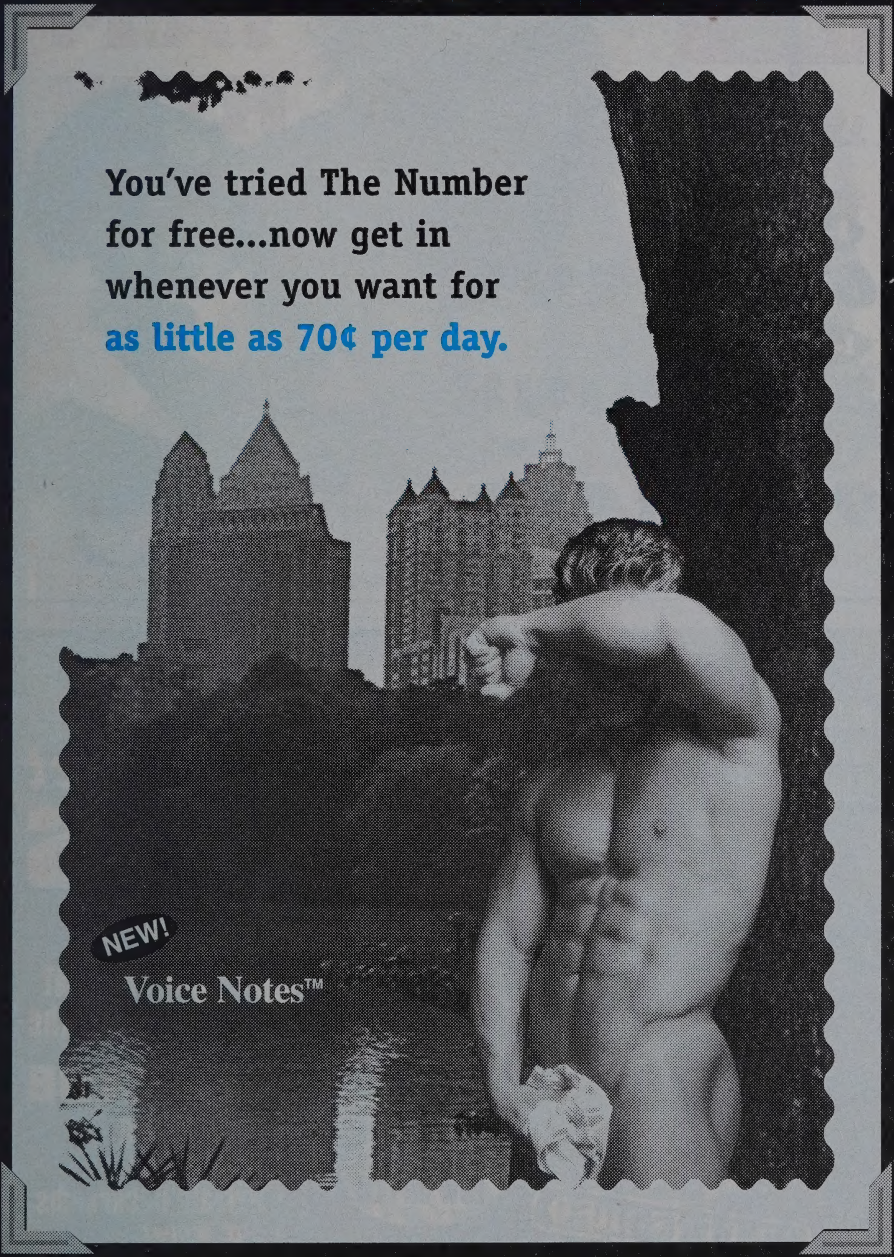

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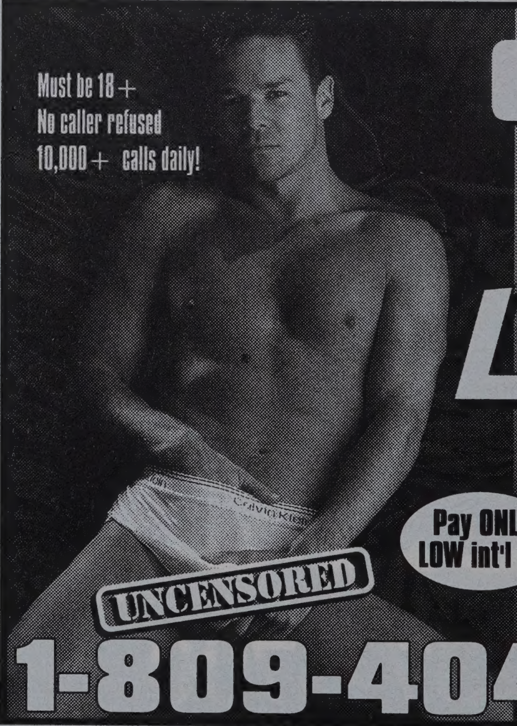

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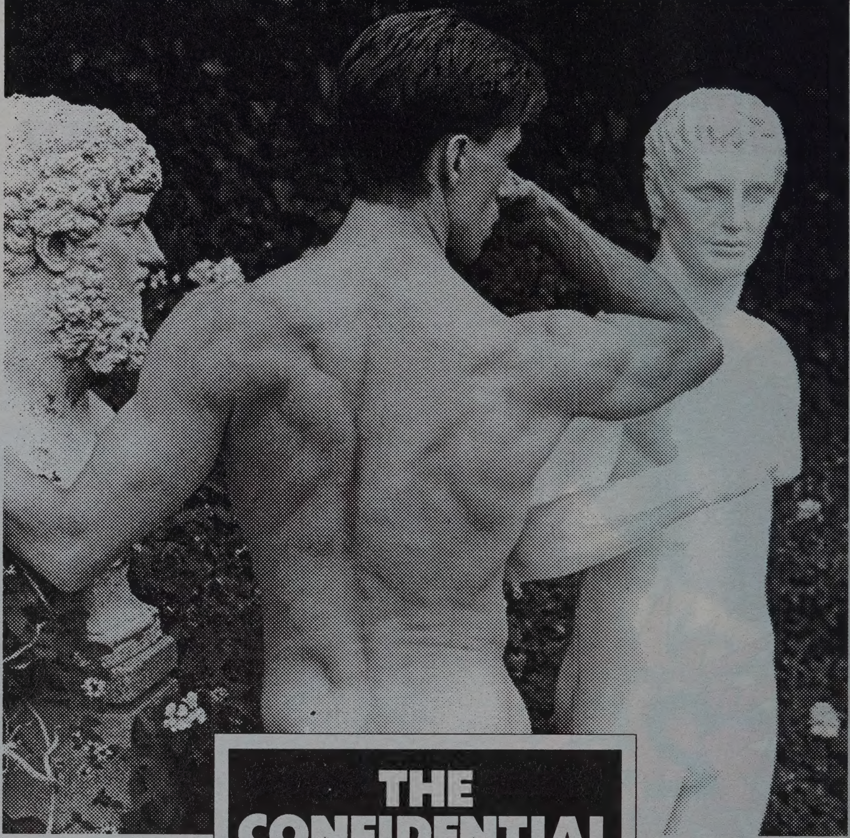

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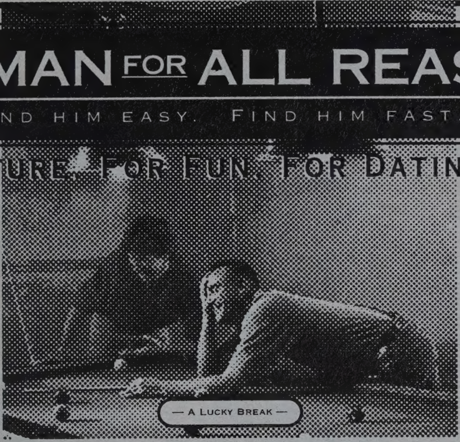

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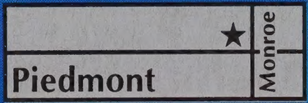
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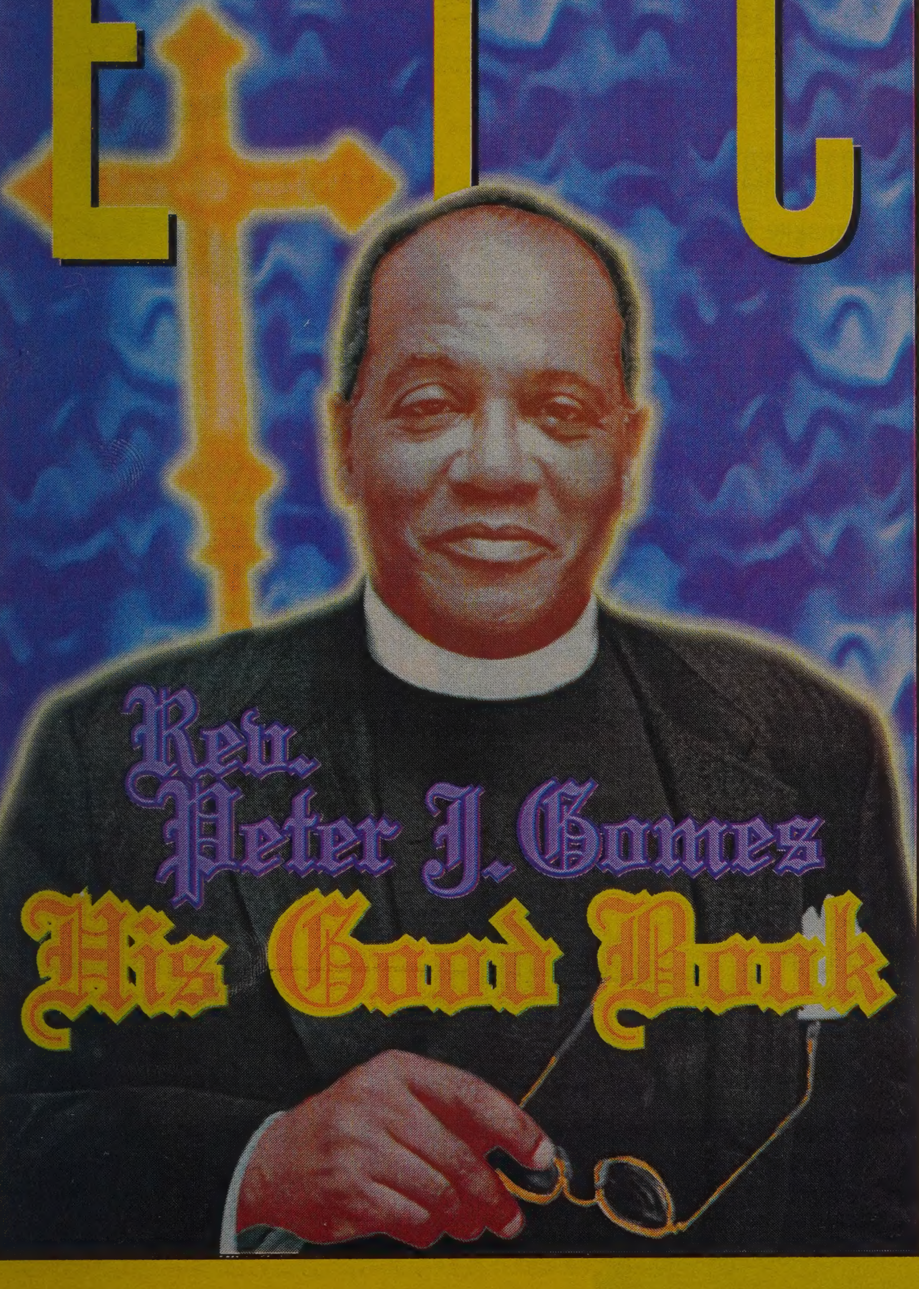

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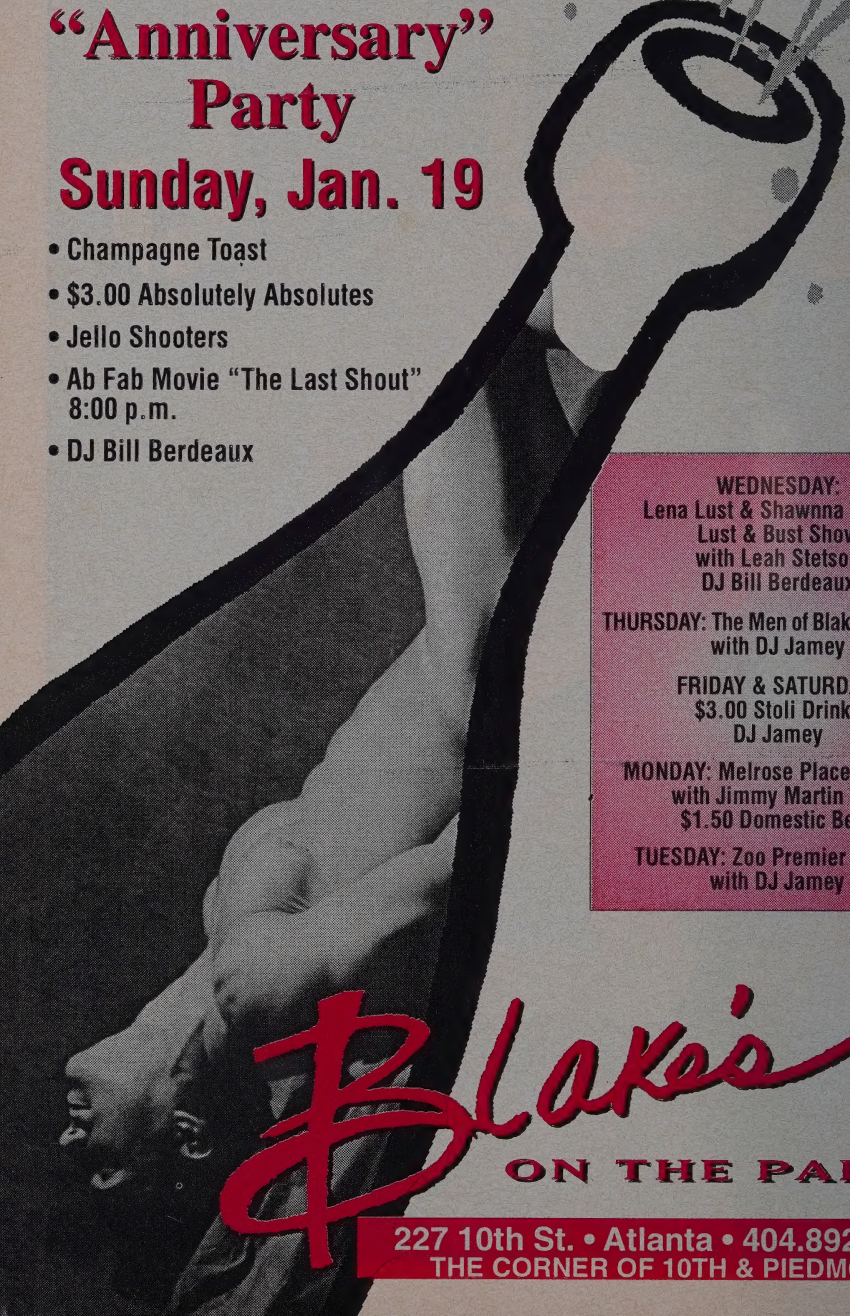

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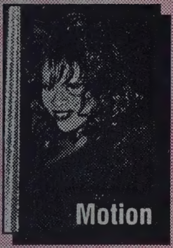
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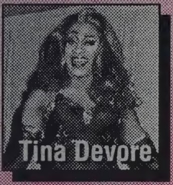
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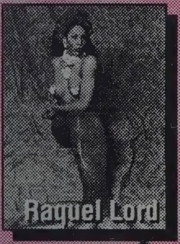
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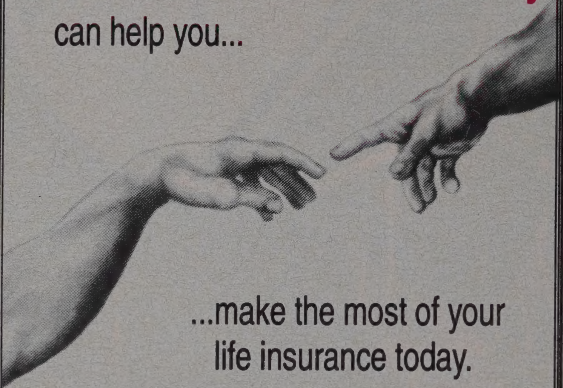

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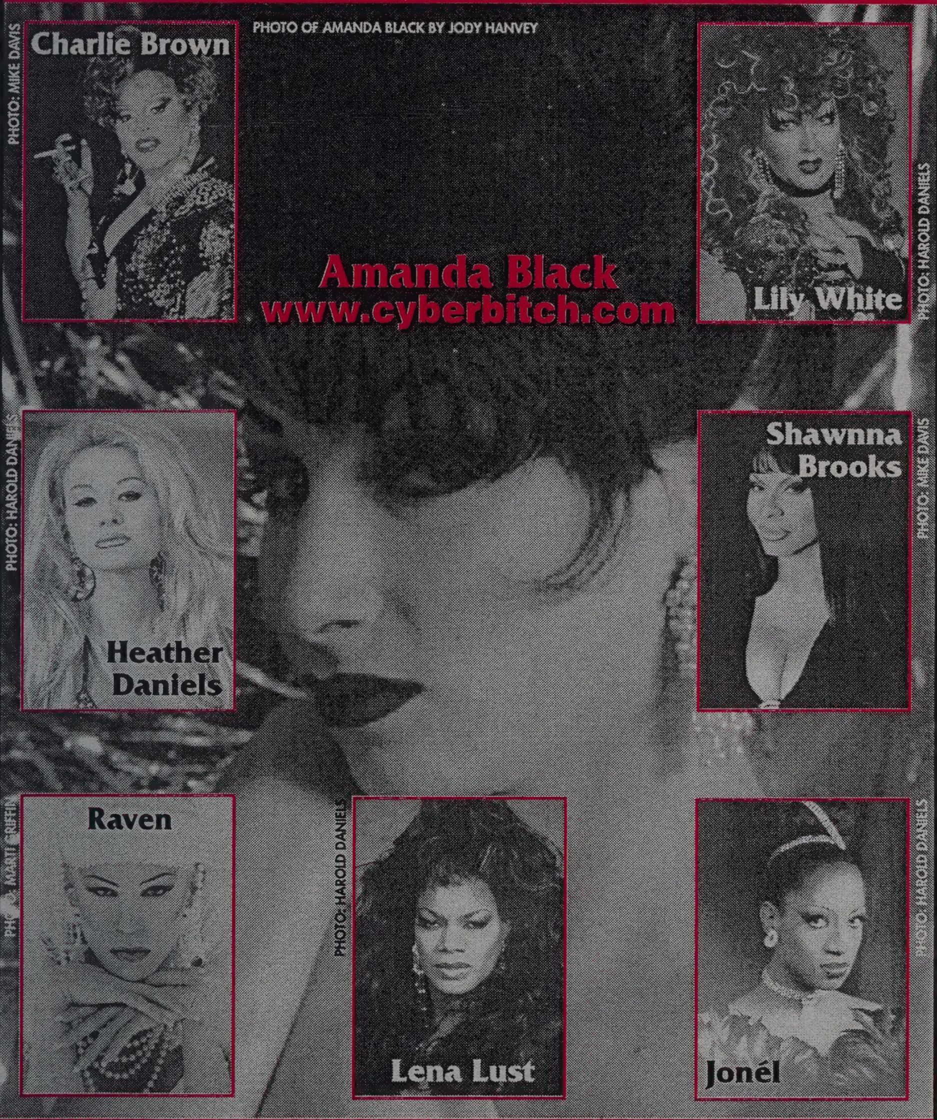

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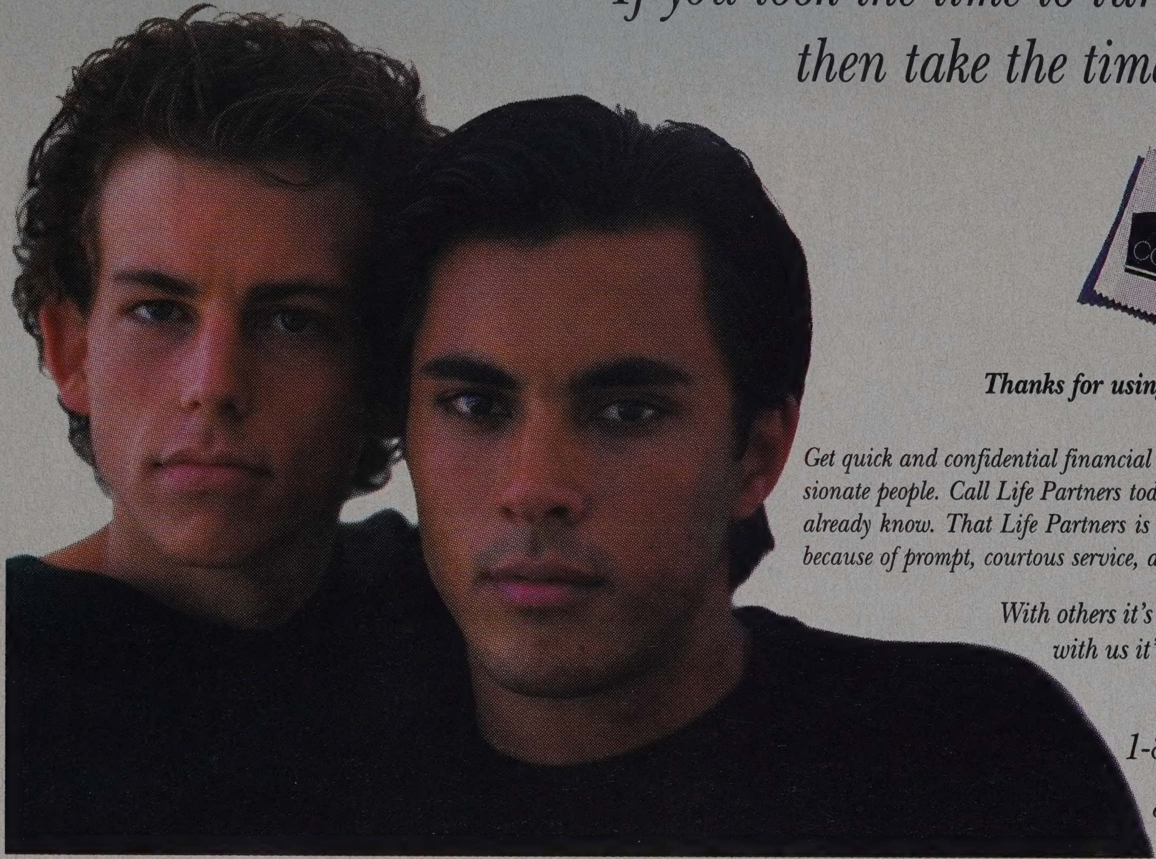

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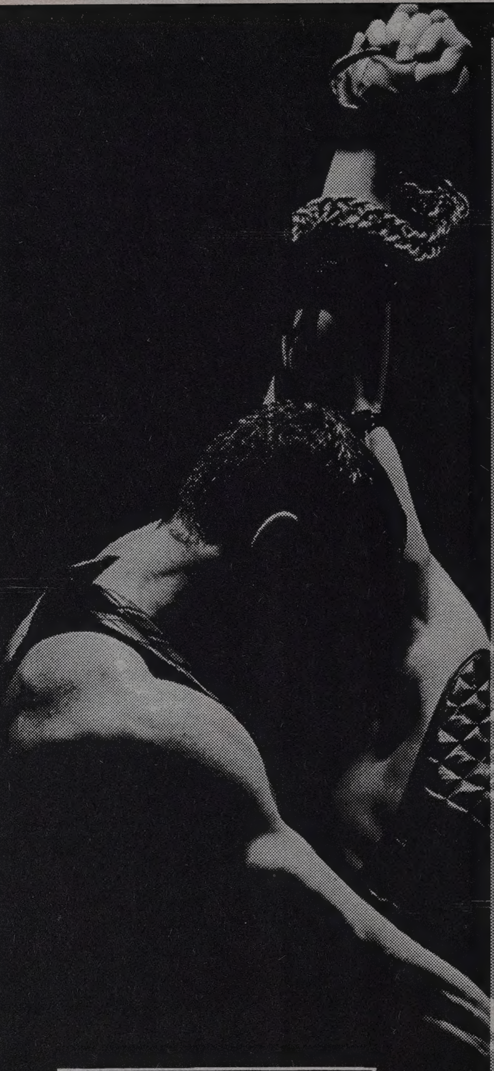

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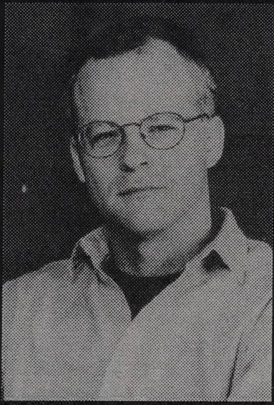
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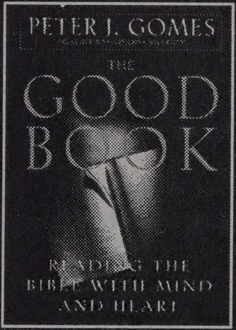
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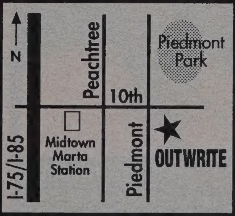

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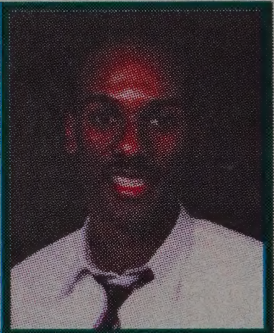
PRIDE CELEBRATION TO BE PART OF CITY SESQUICENTENNIAL

The City of Atlanta Mayor's office announced Jan. 9, that the Atlanta Pride Celebration has been selected as an official event in the city's Sesquicentennial (150 years) Celebration, taking place between May and October of this year. Atlanta Pride is the single gay celebration in the 150 events officially selected by Mayor Bill Campbell. At press time, Atlanta Pride Committee officers Juliet De La Cruz and Glen Paul Freedman (co-chairs) and Donna Narducci (executive director) were scheduled to receive an official proclamation and Sesquicentennial logo at a meeting of the Mayor's Senior Advisers for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community on Jan. 15. According to Narducci, the official city logo can be used by the Pride Committee in conjunction with the Atlanta Pride logo, which has yet to be finalized. The theme of this year's Pride celebration, which will be held June 27 - 29, is "Generations of Pride."

SOME GAY LEADERS SKEPTICAL OF CLINTON STAFF ASSURANCES

Bob Nash, director of presidential personnel, met with leaders of the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (NBGLLF), along with several openly gay government officials, Dec. 20. According to a Washington Blade report, Nash told the group Pres. Bill Clinton will continue to appoint openly gay people to senior administration jobs. At particular issue was whether Clinton would reappoint a gay community liaison to replace Richard Socarides, who was transferred last summer to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. Although Socarides, who also attended the meeting, said Nash was "fairly unequivocal" in his assertion that there would be some type of White House gay liaison position, others at the meeting were not so convinced. "I came away from the meeting feeling the issue of the liaison position was still up in the air," Keith Boykin, NBGLLF executive director, told the Blade. Boykin held a White House media staff position in Clinton's first term.



Black Leadership Forum director Keith Boykin: He'll believe it when he sees it.

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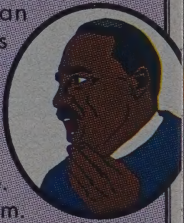

◆ **Second Annual Bayard Rustin Rally:** Speakers and entertainment will celebrate the life and work of Bayard Rustin, the openly gay African American who served as principal organizer for the historic 1963 March on Washington, at the Central Parking Co. lot on John Wesley Dobbs Ave. off Peachtree St., 11:00 a.m.

◆ **MLK Day Parade:** The lesbian and gay contingent assembles on Peachtree St. between Baker St. and Auburn Ave. at 1:00 p.m.

◆ **Rally:** Keith Boykin, executive director of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, is scheduled to speak following the march.

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According to the Washington Times, conservative groups are worked up over a new code of conduct issued by the U.S. Postal Service's law enforcement branch. The clause forbids any post office employee in an official capacity from discriminating based on age, gender, ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation against anyone, employees or not. "Because we are a law enforcement agency, off-duty conduct that demonstrates an inability to be fair, objective and unbiased in dealings with others will not be tolerated," the clause reads. Leonard Hirsch, president of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employees of the Federal Government, said all Cabinet-level departments now have anti-discrimination rules, except the Pentagon. The Postal Service code is similar in its off-duty anti-bias language to an unreleased FBI internal memo, issued in December, according to a Times source.

COALITION CALLS FOR NEWT'S RESIGNATION

About 50 people representing a coalition of gay, labor, women's, AIDS and civil rights groups protested outside the Marietta, Ga., office of Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) Jan. 6, calling for Gingrich to step aside as Speaker of the U.S. House in light of the ethics charges against him. The Newt Watch coalition, which has dogged Gingrich over the last couple of years, had been silent for a number of months because, according to spokesperson Frank Jackalone, lawyers had advised them that any activities during last year's campaign season might jeopardize the non-profit status of Public Citizen, an organization that sponsors Newt Watch. "We obeyed the law, unlike Newt," Jackalone said. Among those speaking out against Gingrich at the protest were Georgia Equality Project Co-Chair Cherry Spencer Stark and Cobb Citizens Coalition Co-Chair Jim Stark. Gingrich was reelected Speaker, Jan. 8.

QUEER WORLD

★ The British tabloid News of the World alleged Jan. 5, that married Conservative Party Member of Parliament Jerry Hayes had a 16-month gay affair with teenager Paul Stone in 1991. Hayes, an advocate of gay rights, denied the affair took place and said that he has begun legal action. The scandal comes barely a week after Prime Minister John Major said he wanted to place family values at the heart of the Conservative Party, which is trailing badly in opinion polls and has lost its majority in the House of Commons.

★ Europe's oldest gay group, the Netherlands' COC, celebrated its 50th birthday last month with a gala evening at Amsterdam's Royal Theatre Carre. The celebration came as the Netherlands is poised to institute registered gay

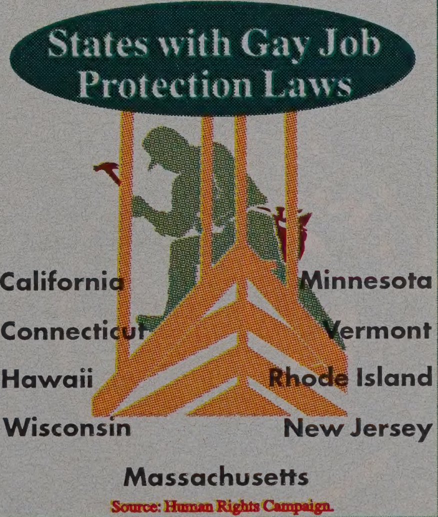
Georgia Equality Project to seek workplace bill

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta - In spite of a staunchly conservative climate in the state legislature, Georgia Equality Project (GEP) Co-Chair Harry Knox believes the time is right not just to react to measures that affect the lesbian and gay community but to begin working toward pro-active legislation. And so, Knox told Etcetera Jan. 3, GEP will begin a campaign to pass a Georgia version of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) by 1998.

Workplace protection is probably the pro-gay issue most likely to succeed at present. ENDA barely missed passage in the U.S. Senate last September by a 50 - 49 vote. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), which led the ENDA lobbying effort, said the measure will be reintroduced in the 105th Congress, where HRC currently counts 47 senators in support of the legislation. And in May 1996, a Newsweek poll revealed that while 58 percent of U.S. adults oppose same-sex marriage, 84 percent sup-

(See *EQUALITY* on page 22.)



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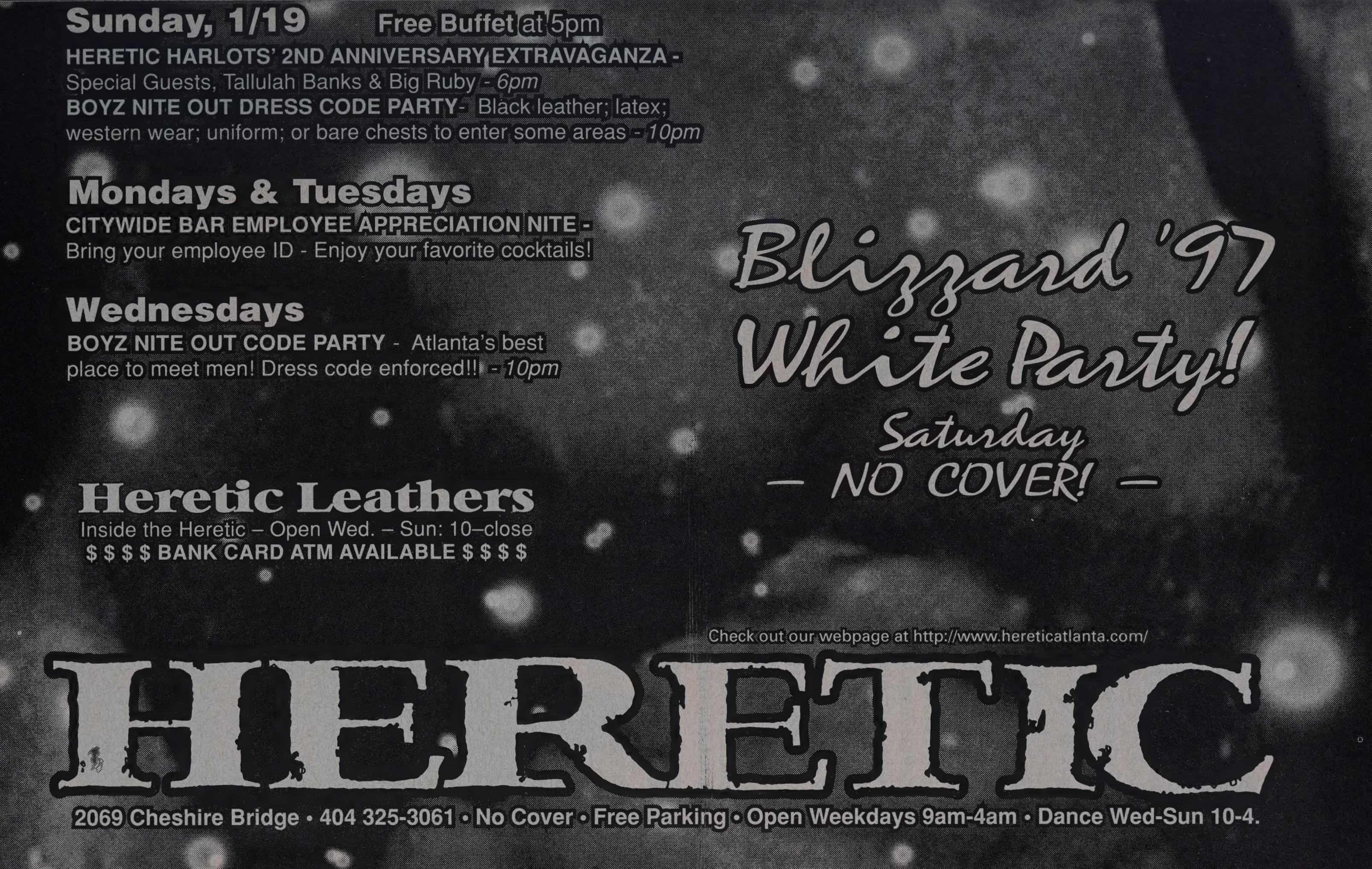

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partnerships, expected to become law by 1998. The measure would grant all the legal rights and obligations of matrimony except adoption. The country may also open up full marriage rights to same-sex couples. Parliament last year instructed the government to draft the necessary legislation by this August.

★ After four years of networking, the Singapore gay group People Like Us has filed an application for legal status.

– Rex Wockner contributed

AROUND THE NATION

▼ In the February edition of Vanity Fair magazine, former Olympic bombing suspect Richard Jewell's attorney, Jack Martin, said the FBI spent weeks examining the theory that Jewell was an "enraged homosexual cop-hater" who was aided in the July 27, 1996, bombing of Atlanta's Olympic Centennial Park by a male lover.

▼ Reuters news service reported Jan. 1, that a federal court in North Carolina has rejected Fernando J. Cortes' suit against a McDonald's restaurant for firing him for being HIV positive. Reuters said the case marked the first time a court has ruled that asymptomatic HIV infection is not a disability.

▼ The Arizona Human Rights Fund issued an alert Jan. 4, concerning two bills proposed in the state's legislature. Under one bill, sodomy would be reclassified from a misdemeanor to a felony. Under the other, gay and lesbian student groups would be barred from high school and university campuses, and faculty members would not be allowed to act as advisers.

▼ A study reported in the January New England Journal of Medicine strongly suggests there is no link between abortion and breast cancer, as had been previously thought. One of the reasons that have often been suggested to explain the high incidence of breast cancer among lesbians is their lower rate of childbirth. The study did not address that factor.

▼ The National Institutes of Health will develop guidelines on the use of the anti-AIDS drug AZT by pregnant women after studies found that it can cause cancer in the offspring of pregnant mice.

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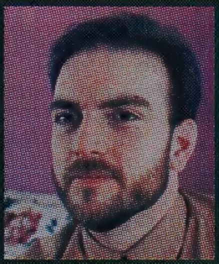
▼ High school senior Miguel Ayala took his place early in January as the first openly gay student member of the Chicago School Board. Ayala was elected by other students citywide last month to the nonvoting advisory post.

▼ The student senate of George Mason University in Virginia approved in December a vote of no confidence in several school administrators for blocking approval of a part-time counselor for gay students.

▼ A Christian-Right legal group, the American Center for Law and Justice, has agreed to defend Neal and Kathleen Houde of Connecticut in a libel suit brought by a Brookfield High School teacher. Veronica Berrill sued the Houde's after they led a crusade against the school's "pink triangle" program and Berrill's participation in it. The program was designed to support lesbian and gay students.

▼ About 700 people, many of them students, attended a memorial service Jan. 8, for Gerry Crane, the Michigan high school music teacher who was forced to resign last July over controversy arising from his being gay. Crane, who was credited with turning around the school's mediocre music program, quit following months of unrelenting hostility from the community after it was revealed he had "married" his partner, Randy Block. Crane, 32, died of a heart attack.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Deceased gay teacher Gerry Crane.

MEDICAL POT USE SPURS POLITICAL FRENZY

A week after denouncing the medical use of marijuana by seriously ill people, including those with AIDS, the White House said Jan. 7, the government will spend $1 million gathering scientific evidence on the medical effectiveness of the drug. But AIDS activists questioned the credibility of the study. "Putting [Clinton drug czar Gen. Barry] McCaffrey in charge of this research is like putting Nixon in charge of the Watergate files," said Steve Michael of ACT UP Wash-

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ington. In a related story, Georgia Secretary of State Lewis Massey said he would ask the General Assembly to repeal a state law that has been on the books for 17 years, allowing patients to legally smoke pot for treating glaucoma and cancer-related nausea, according to a report in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jan. 8. The same article reported that U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) also jumped on the anti-pot bandwagon. In 1981, Gingrich said patients had every right to obtain the drug legally and use it under physician supervision. But on Jan. 7, he backtracked, calling for an "abolitionist movement against drugs." Finally, USA Today reported Jan. 9, that a California judge has ruled that San Francisco's Cannabis Buyers Club was not acting unlawfully in providing pot to terminally ill people. Dennis Peron, the club's founder, said it would reopen by mid-January.

GAY GROUPS, AIDS PATIENT JOIN ASSISTED SUICIDE BATTLES

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis jointly filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the U.S. Supreme Court's review, Jan. 8, of two cases dealing with doctor-assisted suicide. The brief said that for people with AIDS, "the right to end their lives with the assistance of their physicians is a natural extension of their efforts to maintain autonomy." During two-hours of legal arguments, however, justices' comments and questions appeared to favor upholding state bans on assisted suicide. The court will rule by July on the constitutionality of the bans in New York and Washington states. Meanwhile in West Palm Beach, Fla., the last living patient in a lawsuit took the stand in a wheelchair Jan. 6, to tell of indescribable pain and suffering and why he should be allowed to die with dignity. Charles Hall, who has AIDS, is suing the state for the right to die because his doctor is unwilling to break a 128-year-old law against suicide. Hall's lawyer argued that the Florida Constitution grants special privacy rights entitling Hall to choose physician-assisted death.

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Charles Hall (in wheelchair) prepares to testify in his right-to-die lawsuit, Jan. 6.

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1997 Georgia Legislature, Part Two

Advocates seeking to squeeze out AIDS funds

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta - In last week's Etcetera (Vol. 13, #2), Georgia Equality Project (GEP) legislative lobbyist Larry Pellegrini advised Georgia General Assembly-watchers to keep a sharp eye out for relevant issues that may not necessarily be labeled lesbian and gay, because "things that improve our quality of life…don't always just affect us." Jeff Graham, executive director of Atlanta's AIDS Survival Project (ASP), applies the same rule-of-thumb to AIDS issues.

"Don't write things off just because they don't have HIV/AIDS in big letters," Graham stresses. "It's more and more a disease of the poor, so we need to be more educated and go to bat for poor people across the board."

One of the issues AIDS advocates will be watching during the 1997 legislative session - an issue especially relevant to the poor, many of whom depend on Medicaid for health coverage - is the movement of Medicaid patients into managed care. The process has already begun in Atlanta, but as plans are implemented statewide, details will be discussed and approved in the legislature. AIDS advocates are concerned that standards of care and access to drugs may suffer under the plan. The Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, in recommendations released last September, wants the state either to require managed care plans to cover "all medically necessary drugs" or to continue paying for drugs through Medicaid.

Drug access is also at issue in efforts to seek money for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), a woefully underfunded program that provides treatments to people with AIDS who don't have the money or insurance to pay for them.

"The [general state] budget has been cut to the bone over the years; I don't think just arguing for more money is going to work," Pellegrini says. "Knowledgeable people are going to have to find items in the budget that can be cut and talk legislators into putting that into support services." But Graham says that while it may be naive to expect a huge ADAP increase, advocates and lobbyists must begin to demand the funds.

"For far too long we've been too hesitant to approach the legislature for increased funding for HIV/AIDS," he maintains. "We're not doing anyone a service if we don't ask for it."

In addition to ADAP and a wide range of concerns about managed care, Georgia AIDS Coalition Executive Director Cathalene Teahan says her group will be watching the legislature for pre-marital and pre-natal mandatory testing bills and renewed attacks on sex education, all strong possibilities in a climate where she believes even moderates will try to appear more conservative. But Pellegrini is optimistic about success on AIDS concerns.

"As far as broad participation, the most 'winable' are health issues. We really urge people to be part of broad coalitions," he says. "Another reason we can be more effective in health issues is that they extend throughout the whole session. They don't come up in committee on Tuesday and to a vote on Wednesday where you don't have time to get people acclimated."

"We want to send the message to legislators that social service organizations are very united in protecting the welfare of all Georgians and…will not sacrifice one group for another," Graham says.

But beyond groups working in coalitions, Pellegrini says individuals need to keep up with bills and constantly inform legislators of their opinions, especially the most extreme Right-wing lawmakers he says come mostly from the "doughnut area" around Atlanta.

"The stereotype of the conservative rural legislator is easier to deal with and educate than those idealogues who ran for office on a crazy platform, but that's not to say they can't be kept busy listening and reacting," he says. "Convincing a legislator is not arguing with them; it's giving them information and educating them. An educated voter, someone who exhibits knowledge and passion about the issues and will talk to other people, is scary to them because they want to be reelected."

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port equal rights for lesbians and gay men in employment.

"I think this issue above any other is one pretty much anybody can agree on, because it doesn't speak to 'special rights' but toward fair opportunities to prosper," says Chris Cooney, who is currently coordinating the GEP campaign. "It's an issue we can communicate. People get it."

Details of GEP's proposed legislation have still to be worked out, but Cooney said it will likely follow the federal ENDA closely. That bill prohibits the use of an individual's sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promotion and compensation decisions. It does not provide for quotas, and it exempts small businesses and religious organizations. Although federal passage of ENDA would preempt the need for a state law, HRC spokesperson David Smith says states should continue parallel efforts to ensure equality. Cooney, who served four years as cabinet secretary to former New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio, says Georgia's effort will take a "three-dimensional" approach.

"First, we have to educate people about the issue," he says, emphasizing initial plans for research to determine the opinions and needs of the state's citizens. "Then, there's grassroots organizing within the gay community and within coalitions built of religious groups, business groups, activists and other community organizations. The concept is to push one button and have the power of our message go out to a wide population."

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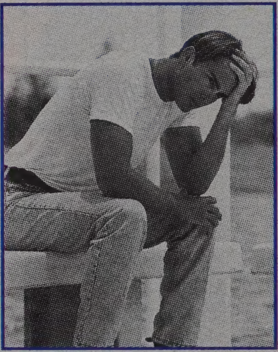

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Calling this element of the campaign the "power of constituency," Cooney also says it needs to involve "good old-fashioned" electoral politics, i.e., supporting politicians likely to favor such a measure. Finally, he says the third dimension is resources: money, in-kind services and people power.

"The absolute best thing for people to do right now is join GEP...or at least volunteer to work on this," Cooney urges. "We're at the very beginning of something very big. This issue will be a great rallying point to put together an organization that has the capacity to take on other issues."

The campaign's strength, he says, depends on presenting sexual orientation job protections as simply good business, which means getting companies to "sign on" to the coalition. And he believes that's possible here.

"When IBM [a major corporate presence in Georgia] decided to offer domestic partner benefits last year..., they said, 'We're losing good people to our competitors because we're not giving them equal treatment,'" he points out. "Other businesses are going to be adopting that same policy."

HRC lists about 650 companies doing business in the U.S. with non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. Armed with such information and support, Cooney believes the campaign can succeed across party lines and ideologies.

"I make few promises, and I promise eventually this will happen in this state," he insists. "It makes too much sense not to."

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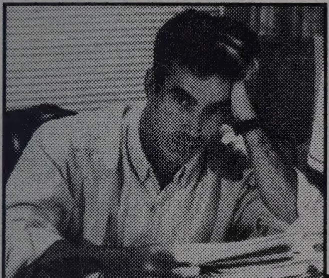

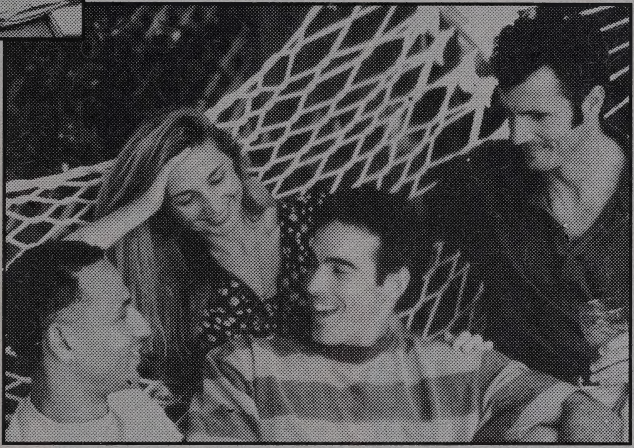

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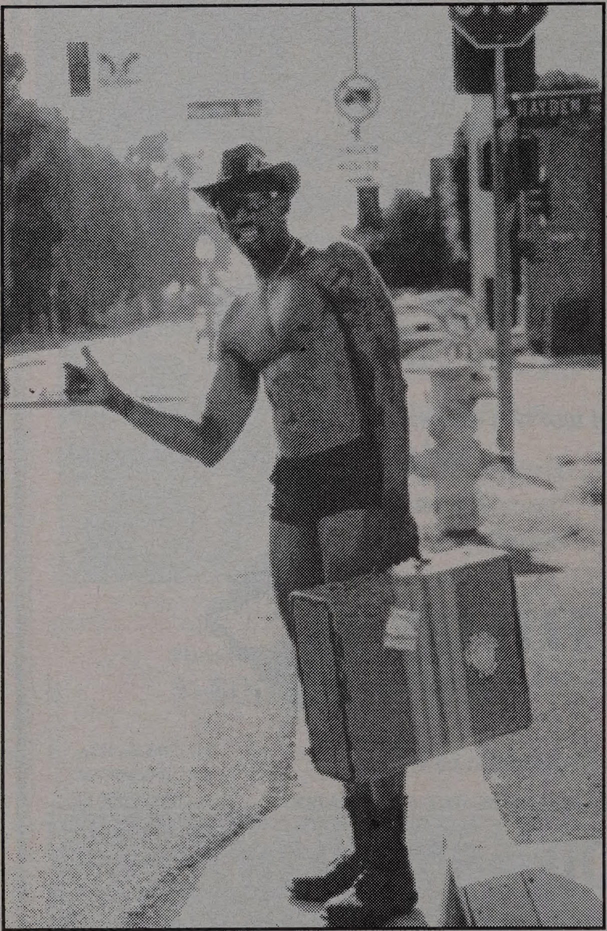
In a recent interview that appeared in The Advocate's Jan. 21 issue, outrageous basketball player Dennis Rodman confirmed that while he's not had sex with another man, he's definitely thought about the prospect. "Oh, of course," he told writer Peter Galvin. "I've done it. It's easy to do."

Rodman offered further insight about his experiences "making out" with a transsexual and what the future might hold for his sexual orientation. "I think the more that I keep exploring myself in that area maybe one day it will happen," he stated. "If it happens, my body's going to tell me it's happening, and I'm gonna' do it. And I'm gonna' enjoy it. If it happens for me I'm gonna' damn sure enjoy it!"

Rodman's skillful exploitation of the media through various flashy experiments in gender-bending fashion have no doubt contributed to his recent success. Because of his honesty and clearly-pro gay stance, you'll now find "The Rodman World Tour," a half-hour variety-interview show for MTV, listed in the totally queer Homoculture Entertainment Calendar.



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Another diva on the boob tube: Dennis Rodman plays TV host on MTV's "The Rodman World Tour."

LATE GAY WRITER'S SCRIPT BECOMES FILM

Playwright Scott McPherson died from AIDS complications in 1992. Prior to his death, he captured a Drama Desk Award and two Outer Critics Circle Awards, among others, for his play "Marvin's Room."

Inspired by the death of his grandmother and the AIDS-related illnesses of his lover, he created a successful fictional drama which captured the hearts and minds of theatre-goers nationwide.

Now a motion picture from Miramax, "Marvin's Room" (which opened Jan. 10), boasts a stellar cast which includes Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep, Hume Cronyn, Gwen Verdon and Leonardo DiCapprio.

The film focuses on the estranged relationship of two sisters (Keaton and Streep), and the long-term illness of their bed-ridden father (Cronyn). As they cope with his impending demise the two are also confronted with an eccentric aunt (Verdon) and a difficult teen (DiCapprio).

Although McPherson's script contains no gay material, producers are quick to point out that it was his personal insight which captured the themes of loving, caring and selflessness. Streep was reportedly captivated by

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Diane Keaton and Meryl Streep play estranged sisters in the film version of Scott McPherson's "Marvin's Room."

McPherson's words. "I think 'Marvin's Room' is about how we all truly emotionally depend on each other," she confirmed in a press release. "And therefore, we're responsible for them, and it's not a chore. It's something we all feel but are rarely given the opportunity to express."

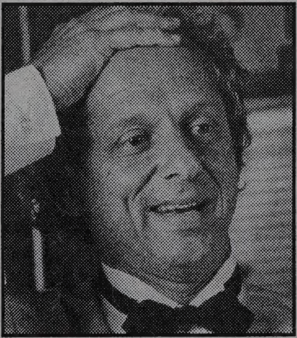
GAY BINGO TO BENEFIT PALS

In an effort to raise much-needed funding, Pets Are Loving Support (PALS) will sponsor monthly gay bingo games in Midtown beginning Jan. 23. The opening game is centered around the theme of "Gone with the Wind." Participants in the affair will be escorted to their seats by "Margaret Mitchell Tour Guides" dressed in slightly fire-damaged wigs and charred hoop skirts. Never-before seen screen tests from the legendary picture will be shown as part of the evening's entertainment, as well.

Drag diva Bubba D. Licious will host the bingo benefits, which will take place at the American Legion Post (1071 Piedmont Ave.) in Midtown. The ongoing effort is expected to raise as much as $60,000 annually for the non-profit organization. For more information, call 404-876-7257.

LOCAL COMEDIAN HOSTS AIDS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Longtime Atlanta comic favorite Jerry Farber will host "The Best Medicine: A Night of Stand-Up Comedy by People Affected by AIDS" at The Punchline comedy club Jan. 27. "Some of these individuals are HIV-positive," Farber explains, "and some have full-blown AIDS while some of them are people who've felt the impact of AIDS on their lives and they



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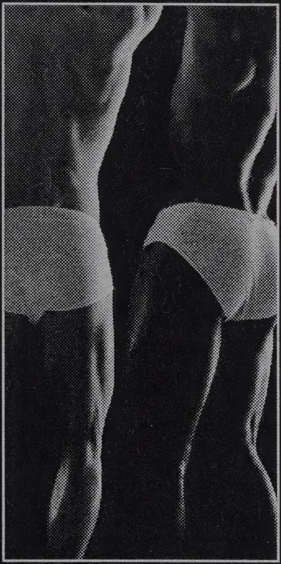

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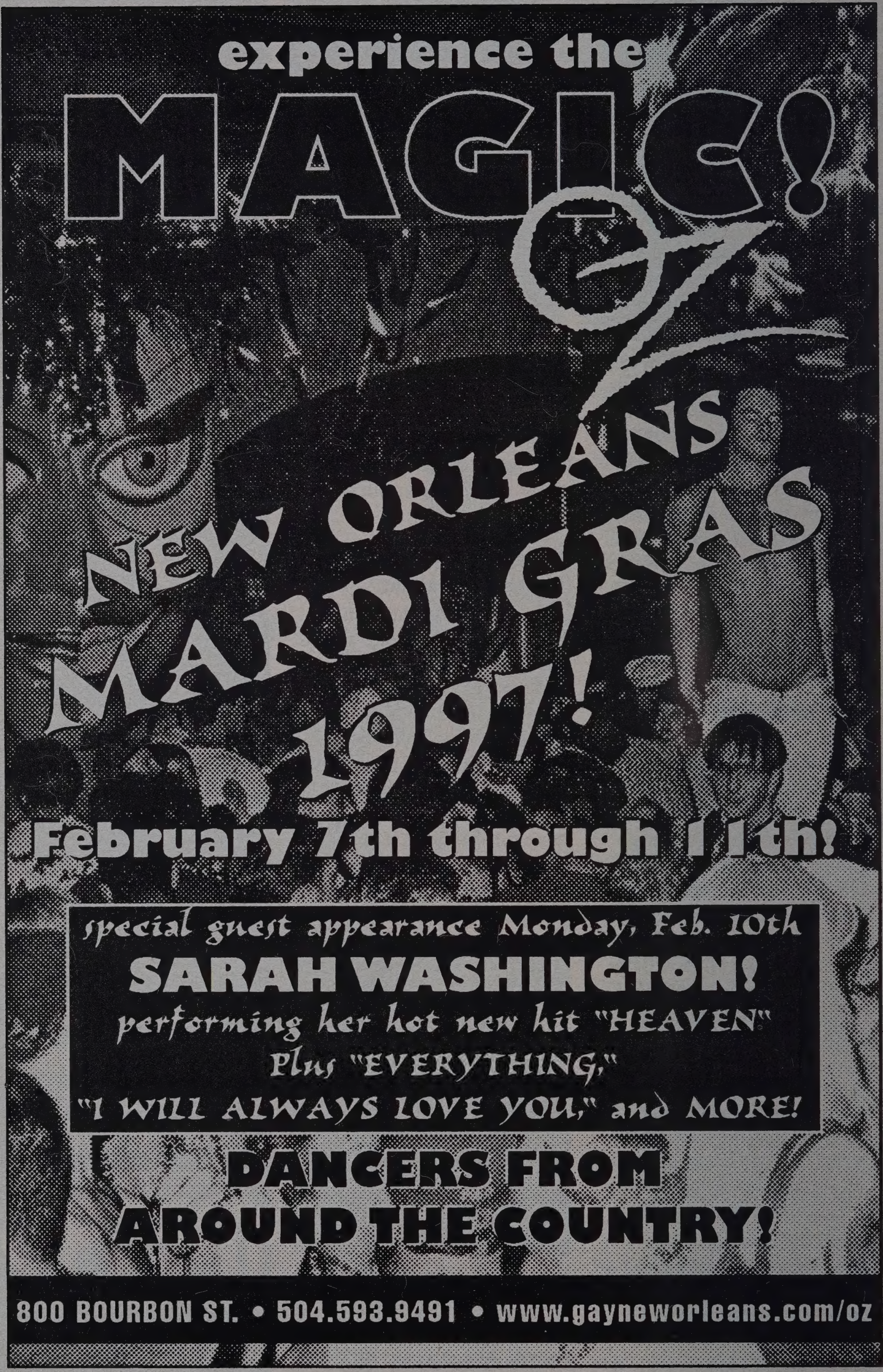

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just want to help others." The event will serve as a fundraiser for AID Gwinnett and Positive Impact.

Since early November, Farber has been in rehearsals with nine amateur performers to put together the evening of comedic entertainment.

Although he regularly teaches a stand-up comedy class to aspiring young comics, Farber points to this group of individuals as particularly gifted. "This is the most intense group I've dealt with in my 20 years of doing this," he offers earnestly. "I think it's because they're aware of the fragility of life, and they're really tuned in. They're a very gifted group of people, and they're already perfectionists, ready for the professional scene."

Tickets for the event are $25 (see the Homoculture Calendar).

NEW STUFF ON THE QUEER INTERNET

With each passing month, more gay and lesbian-oriented on-line services become available on the world wide web. Here's a sample of some of the hottest and latest.

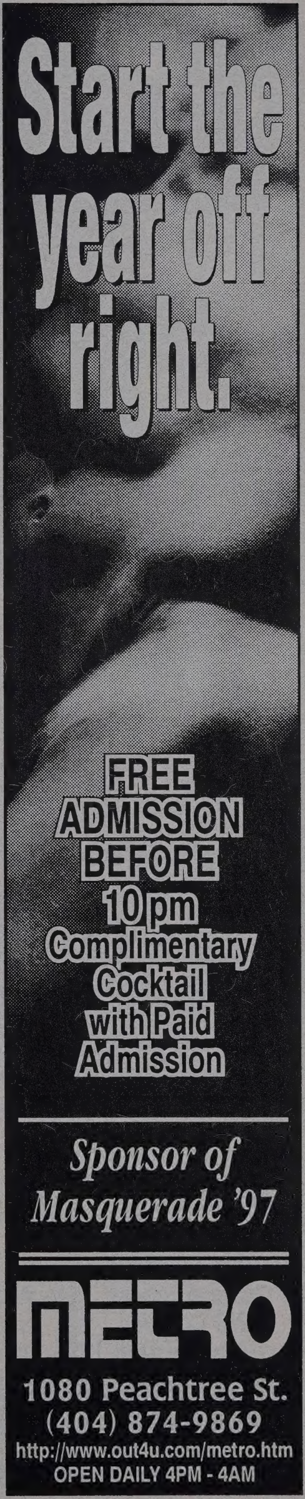
Badpuppy is the brainchild of former NASA employee Bill Pinyon. His website has blossomed into a company which boasts 22 employees and 11,000 subscribers. The website features a complete "virtual world" (with three dimensional models) a chat system, up to the minute news service, movie reviews, member profiles and much more (www.badpuppy.com).

Outbox is an online service provided by Boxtop Interactive, one of the country's leading interactive entertainment firms. The service features a detailed news and information search index for gay, lesbian and transgendered topics (www.outbox.com).

The **Tinseltown's Queer** website features interviews, video footage, celebrity endorsements (like Hugh Hefner and Christine Baranski) and more from Nicholas Snow's Hollywood-based cable-TV show "Tinseltown's Queer," all about quirky gay stuff from the nation's entertainment capital. It even includes a music video clip from Snow

"Tinseltown Queer" host Nicholas Snow (right) now has his own web site. He's seen here with Kimberly Conrad and Hugh Hefner.

Wayne Fredericks Castro



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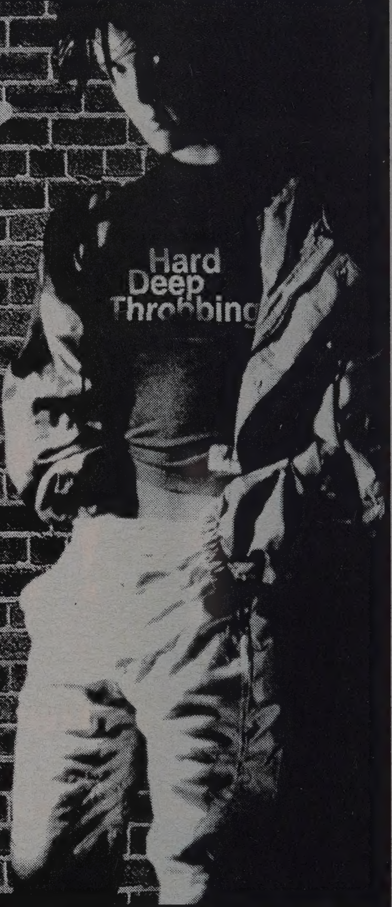

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AIDS BENEFIT MUSICAL BACK ON THE BOARDS

"Straight from the Heart," a musical and dramatic presentation celebrating life and human rights, opens at The 14th Street Playhouse Feb. 14 and continues through Feb. 16. Now in its sixth production since 1990, the production has been instrumental in raising AIDS awareness and funding for several local organizations over the years. The latest incarnation of the show features a new script by Jim Knoll and is directed by veteran choreographer Karen Beyer. For tickets and more information, call 404-733-5000.

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

This Week

wednesday 1•22

Will Fellows
Author of "Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest" signs copies of his latest. 7:30 p.m. Outwrite Books, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082.

thursday 1•23

"Club Dead"
Comedy-mystery dinner theatre offers dinner and wine while exploring the murder of social butterfly Cleopatra Wolfe. Features some cross-dressing and various audience participation roles. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to play golf pros Billie Jean Queen or Martina Neverwearloafers! Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 7:00 p.m. $34 – $40. Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre, 693 Peachtree St. 404-875-4321. Through 4•23.

Upcoming

friday 1•24

Crystal Waters
Popular disco vocalist who brought us "She's Homeless" (La-da-dee-la-da-daa) and "100 Percent." Midnight. March, 550 Amsterdam Ave. 404-872-6411.

Judy Tenuta
Loud-mouth comedian and friend to the queer community. Friday 8:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 p.m. $17.50. The Punchline, 290 Hildebrand Dr. 404-252-0394. Through 1•26. (She'll also appear 1•31 at Project Open Hand's Masquerade '97.)

sunday 1•26

Peter Gomes
Gay minister speaks and signs copies of his latest book, "The Good Book." 7:30 p.m. Outwrite Books, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082.

monday 1•27

"The Best Medicine: A Night of Stand-Up Comedy by People Affected by AIDS"
Well-known local comedian Jerry Farber heads this show, which includes several local amateur comedians, some of whom are HIV-positive. Fundraiser for AID Gwinnett. $25. 7:30 p.m. The Punchline, 280 Hildebrand Dr. 404-252-5233.

friday 1•31

"Masquerade '97: The Gold Party"
VIP Party and fundraiser for Project Open Hand features performances by Jennifer Holiday and Judy Tenuta. Includes an open bar. 8:00 p.m. $100 – $150. Rialto Theatre, 80 Forsyth St. 404-872-8089.

saturday 2•1

"Masquerade '97: The Purple Party"
Evening two of the fundraiser for Project Open Hand features a big disco extravaganza with performance by Kristine W. 9:00 p.m. $40 or VIP pass. The Fulton County Government Building, 141 Pryor St. 404-872-8089.

tuesday 2•4

"Breaking the Code"
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Backstreet: Charlie Brown's X-rated Cabaret, Friday and Saturday 11:30 p.m., Sunday and Thursday midnight. 845 Peachtree St. 404-873-1986.

Guys and Dolls: Male and female nude revue, Tuesday – Sunday. 2788 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur. 404-377-2956.

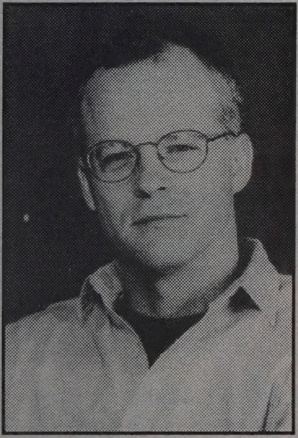
Metro: Male dancers, Monday – Sunday 10:00 p.m., midnight. 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-8089.

Otherside: Tina Coffey Show, Friday 10:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.; Otherside Showgirls, Saturday 10:30 p.m., Tuesday 10:00 p.m.; Hump Night with Heather Daniels, Wednesday 10:30 p.m. 1924 Piedmont Rd. 404-875-5238.

Revolution: Sexhibition, Sunday 7:00 p.m.; Blonde and Dangerous, Wednesday 10:30 p.m.; Twisted Trivia, Thursday 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.; Lauren LaMasters and Pebbles, Friday 10:30 p.m. Ansley Square. 404-874-8455.

performing arts

"Racing Demon"
Play by David Hare features a gay priest



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visual arts

"Long Road to Freedom"
GLAAD offers a nationally touring exhibit (sponsored by the Advocate) about queer history since Stonewall. The Mill, 500 Tenth St. 404-876-1398. Through 1•17.

Harriet Leibowitz
Work from the artist who only uses gay male models! Collection of photographs is of men draped in fabric. Fay Gold Gallery, 247 Buckhead Ave. 404-233-3843. Through 2•5.

film

"The People vs. Larry Flynt"
Stupendously funny and insightful film offers an interesting look at Larry Flynt's achievements in the name of freedom in America. Courtney Love provides a touching portrayal of the bisexual Althea Flynt. A must see.

"My Fellow Americans"
Two former Presidents – one a conservative (Jack Lemmon) and the other a liberal (James Garner) – bond while on the lam. Local (and vocal) bisexual actress Sheri Mann Stewart appears as a zany rental car agent. Includes a gay pride parade and other okay queer jokes for straight people.

radio/tv

friday

"A Defiant Heart"
Radio show with Judy Gerber. 6:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.3 FM.

saturday

"My So-Called Life"
Reruns of the highly acclaimed series that featured Wilson Cruz as gay teenager Ricky Vasquez. 8:00 p.m. MTV.

"Relativity"
Drama about a young couple in love features a lesbian character named Rhonda. 10:00 p.m. ABC.

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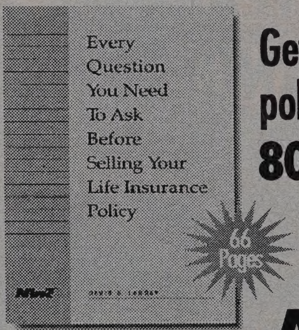

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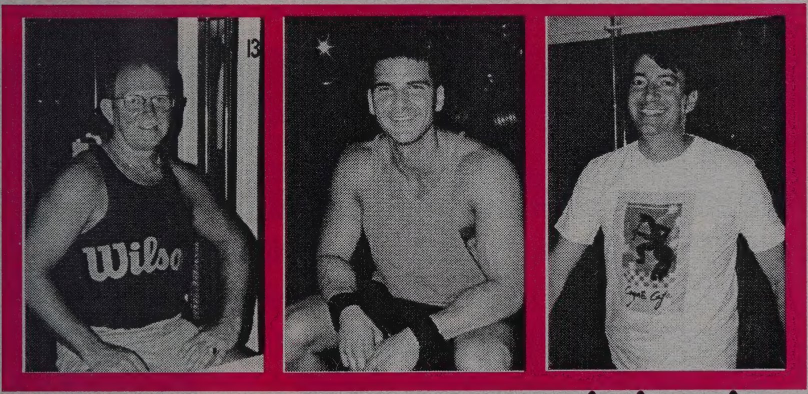

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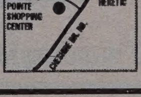
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"Slack"
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"Bob's Slacktime Funhouse"
Local version of the national radio show. 1:00 a.m. WREK – 91.1 FM.

"Viewpoint Atlanta"
Talk show covering Atlanta social issues (including gay and lesbian issues), from a Generation X point of view. Hosted by Melissa Carter. 6:30 a.m. WNNX – 99.7 FM.

"Unhappily Ever After"
Situation comedy of sorts occasionally featuring gay comedian ANT as a gay high school student. 9:00 p.m. WB.

"The Rodman World Tour"
Way-out basketball star and occasional drag queen Dennis Rodman hosts a TV variety show. 10:00 p.m. MTV. Repeats Saturday 11:30 p.m.

"Reel Wild Cinema"
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ASTRAL PROJECTIONS

by Ava Voorhis

CAPRICORN *(Dec.22 – Jan. 20)* With all the things you've got going on in your life, it's a small wonder that you haven't accomplished much in any one area. Before you go into self-flagellation mode, take a look at what you have accomplished. You might be pretty dang impressed with yourself after all.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* When you finally sit still long enough to catch your breath, you might be somewhat surprised to find things aren't exactly as you left them. You're usually the first one to advocate change, but only if you can see it coming. Remember, sometimes that just isn't an option. It's time to put that free-spirited philosophy of yours to work.

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* A left out Pisces is an unhappy Pisces, and in your case, you'll spend more time brooding over possible reasons than is healthy. You always prefer intrigue over direct answers, but it probably won't get you much closer to the truth in this case. Spend less time *brooding* and more time *working* on the problem.

ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* You're not one for the caretaker role, but you might be trying it on for size during the next week or two. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, either. If someone's in need, you might be just the person who can make things better, so what's wrong with that? You've got a good shoulder; let someone lean on it for a while.

TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* Don't look now, but your neuroses are showing! You're in a more nervous portion of your life, and you may be forcing those around you to *share in the joy*. Don't be surprised if they don't seem as receptive to your gift. Try to keep it calm, but this is easier said than done.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Your quick wit and sharp tongue make a much more lethal combination than hydrochloric and acid, and sometimes does more lasting damage. In other words, think before you speak, at least for the next week. That acid tongue of yours is at its most volatile. If you want to have any friends next week, keep it mute.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Your stress level is a bit higher than you like it, so if you need to take some time for yourself, by all means, take it! Sit in a room for three days and stare at the wall, if need be. Do the little things you need to do to take care of yourself. Now is the time.

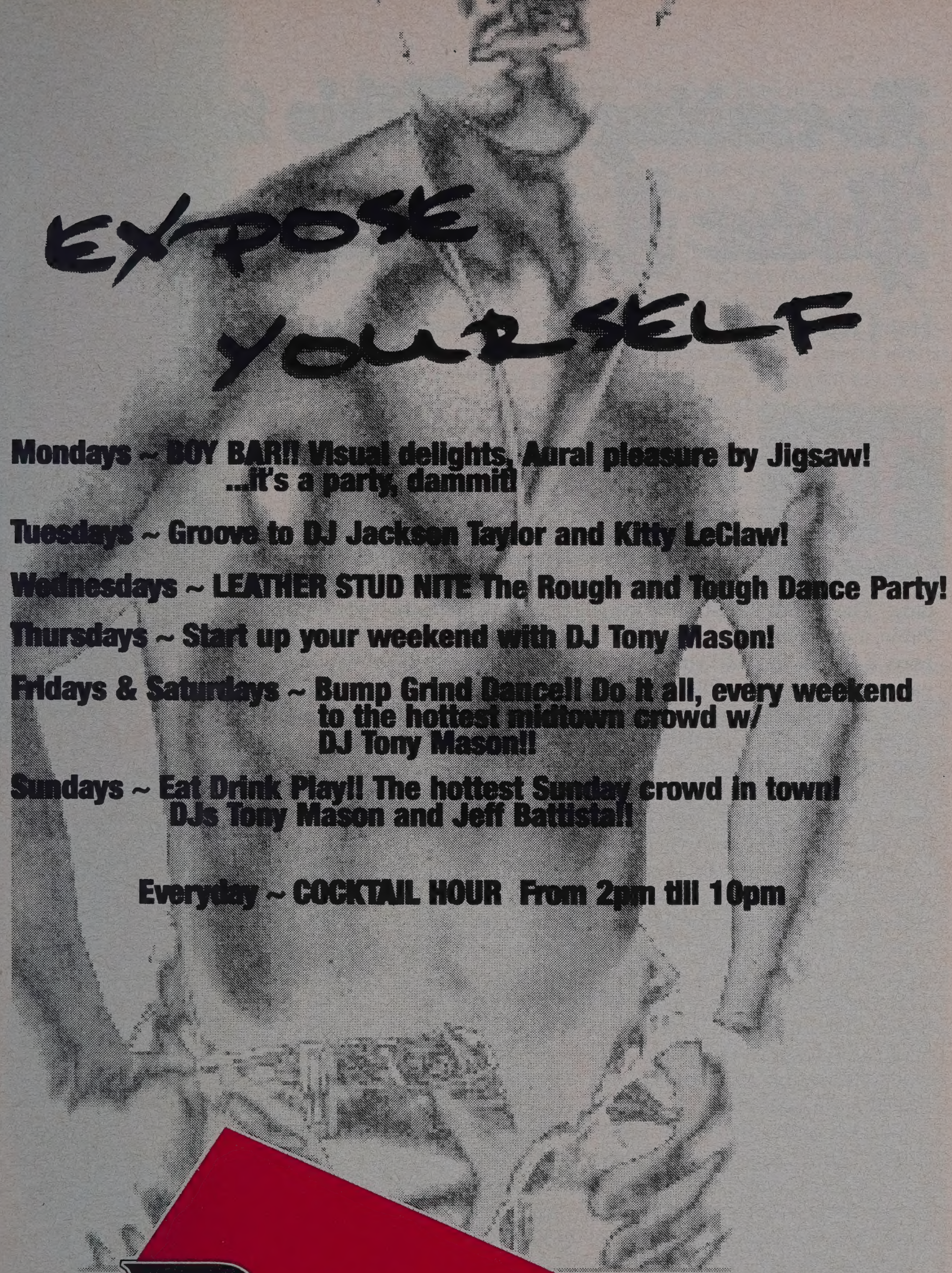
LEO (*July 22 – Aug. 21)* This is the week to take care of all those little things that you always hate taking care of. So the disturbing knock in your car isn't going away? Or is the mildew in the bathroom evolving into a higher life form? It's not exactly your week of glory, but you're going to feel so much better at the end of it.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* A new romance springs up, and this one might just actually be an old romance? Confused? So are the rest of us, but it probably won't keep things from being set into motion. Playing dumb now probably won't do you much good down the line. Is this really what you want?

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Sometimes we settle for way less than second best because we're scared that nothing better is going to come along. You may well be at that place in your life right now, but if you just *know* that something or someone isn't right for you, don't do it! It's that simple. It's easy to say it's better to have something than nothing, but that's not always true.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* You're as ubiquitous as RuPaul these days, honey! So make sure you have on your best clothes, because you're being spotted by everyone but the Queen Mother. It's probably good to keep in mind that if you're going to be seen in every place you go this week, you'd better choose your stops with care!

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* There's a situation in your life that should be stamped *Handle with Care*, but in your usual carefree way, all warnings are being completely disregarded. And why not? It always seems to work out for the best. This might be one situation where your aura of fake obliviousness just won't work. Pay attention and get to it.



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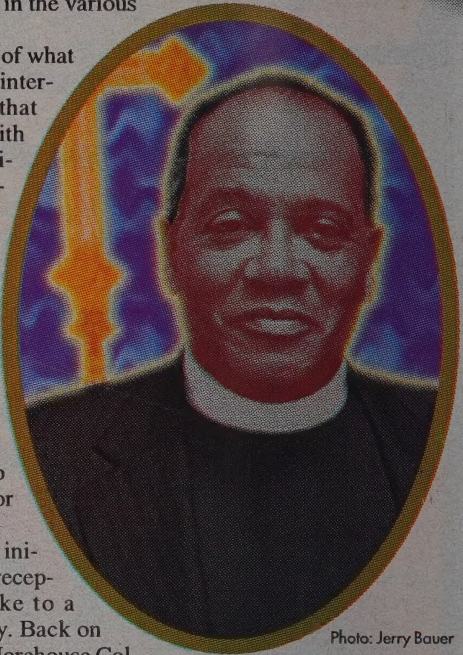
Re-reading the Bible with Peter J. Gomes

by Debbie Fraker

When "The Good Book" by Peter J. Gomes was published in November 1996, it drew wide media attention, including a spot on "60 Minutes." The book's intent, encouraging people to read and study the Bible, may seem innocuous and non-controversial enough. But the book's author (an African-American, conservative Republican, gay minister and the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard University) is enough to intrigue journalists and book reviewers and possibly start serious discussions in the various communities to which he belongs.



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The book is a fresh look at the Bible in an age of what seems like fundamentalists' control over Bible interpretation. The first half is a history overview that integrates the stories and lessons of the Bible with its historical context. Rather than dismissing difficult questions with a simple that-was-then-this-is-now attitude, Rev. Gomes combines a tremendous respect for the Bible's authority with a scholarly understanding of language and history. This section includes chapters on "The Bible and Race," "The Bible and Anti-Semitism," "The Bible and Women" and "The Bible and Homosexuality."

The second half of the book is the part Gomes' hopes readers will connect with on a more personal, spiritual level. It is here that he brings in his own faith and spiritual devotion to apply "the true and lively word" to our desire for "the good life."

"I'm very pleased," he told Etcetera during his initial book tour about the overwhelming positive reception he was receiving. In Atlanta, he spoke to a standing-room-only crowd at Emory University. Back on the road, Gomes returns to Atlanta to preach at Morehouse College and sign books at Outwrite Books Jan. 26.

"Now, obviously we haven't heard from the opposition," he added. Confident that the religious right will "mount its best shot," Gomes hopes for at least a frank exchange of views.

It is this hope for dialogue that seems to have inspired Gomes to write this book in the first place. "The front lines of Bible scholarship have been moving forward for a hundred years," he explained. "But that information seldom gets distilled in a way that the average Christian reader or person in the church understands it.

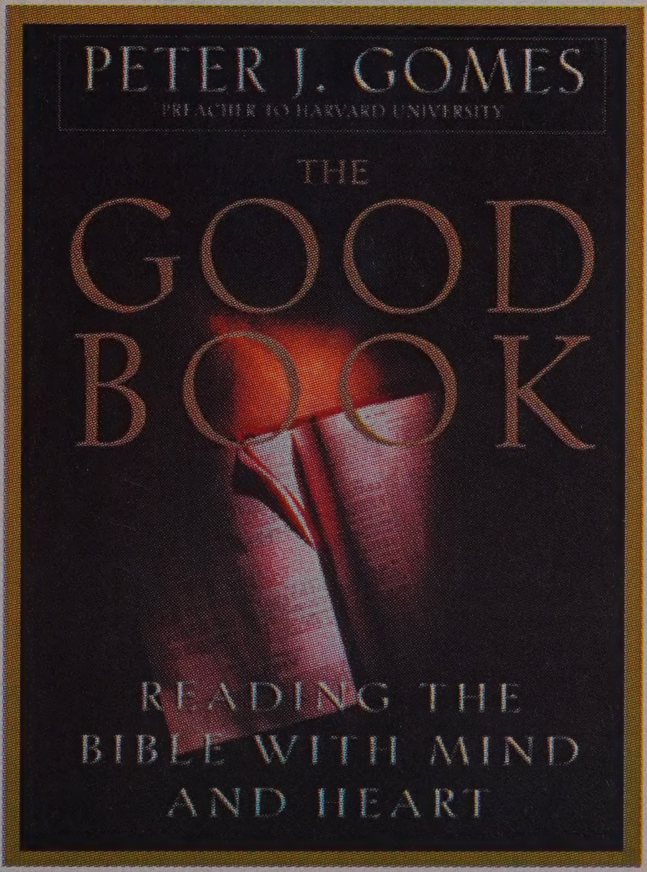
"The only people who are dealing with this stuff are the fundamentalists, whose zeal I applaud, but whose agenda I deplore. If they're the only ones who are reading the Bible, writing about the Bible, talking about the Bible, then we're all in a terrible state."

In "The Good Book" Gomes makes reference to an almost overwhelming amount of research and writings on the Bible, all very scholarly works, but he is able to pull them together in an easy to read format. "There will be people who accuse me of simplifying, popularizing or generalizing," he said. "I accept the label. That's fine."

But he does not take a simplistic approach to Bible interpretation. In particular, when he addresses the issues of women, race and homosexuality in the Bible, he refuses to take an easy route.

About homosexuality Gomes does not pull any punches. "Of course it speaks against it," he stated emphatically. "There's no question about it. I have never said that we've got what it says wrong. Alas, what it says is what it says." He added, however, that there are other things to take into consideration when reading these texts.

In his book Gomes explains: "The task of reading scripture has



always been to attempt a reconciliation between what is particular and peculiar to the time and place of its writing and what is universally applicable beyond the bounds of time and place and beyond circumstance and culture.”

Gomes’s interpretive analysis of homosexuality in the Bible is not new. He is restating, for the most part, the work of a great many scholars, including the late John Boswell.

Atlanta author Chris Glaser has also been involved in Biblical dialogue for many years. Glaser is the author of several books on being gay and Christian, including “Uncommon Calling: A Gay Christian’s Struggle to Serve the Church” and “The Word Is Out: The Bible Reclaimed for Lesbians and Gay Men.”

“What I like about the book is that it sets homosexuality in a larger context,” said Glaser. Despite his praise, he seems to disagree with Gomes in one respect: “The Bible never condemns homosexual love. In fact it lauds same-sex relationships in a way it doesn’t heterosexual relationships. It does condemn specific abuses of homosexuality.

“I think [“The Good Book”] is a wonderful invitation for people to return to the Bible, because the Bible is an intimidating book. Even though [Gomes] is an American Baptist and conservative, he represents people with various points of view.”

Glaser also agrees with Gomes that the Christian Coalition must be held accountable for its part in the rising number of gay bashings over the past few years. “There will be people who read this book and are changed by it,” he said, but he also warns against underestimating the overall impact of gay-positive spiritual books. “Even though these books may not be read by the general public, they may be read by pastors.”

Daniel Helminiak, author of “What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality,” was eager to point out that Gomes missed something. “One of the major flaws I see is he does not seem to be aware of [William] Countryman [author of ‘Dirt, Greed and Sex: Sexual Ethics in the New Testament and Their Implications for Today’],” said Helminiak, who relied heavily on work by Countryman and Boswell in his book.

In “What the Bible Really Says...” Helminiak takes a somewhat more radical

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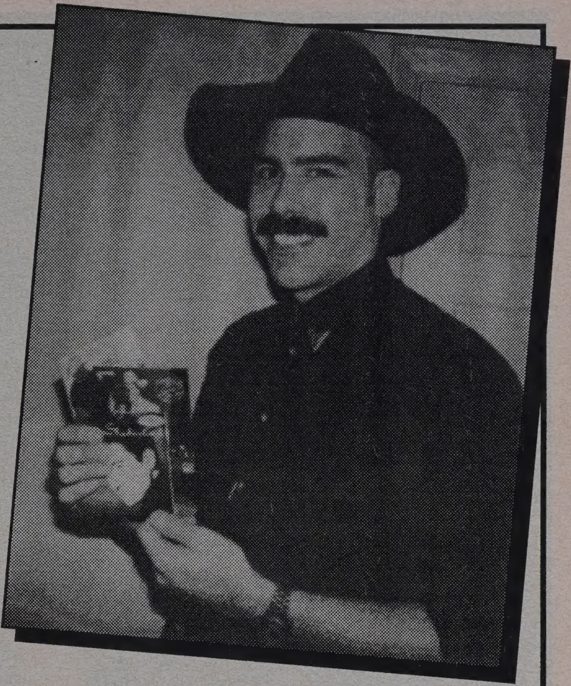

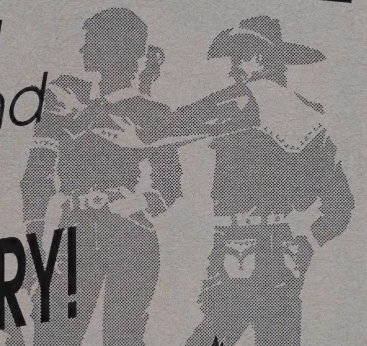

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approach to Bible interpretation than Gomes is probably willing to embrace. All of the passages on sex in the Christian testament, according to Countryman, are based on issues of property and purity. "In some ways it's a technicality, when you look at the overall effect he's trying to achieve," Helminiak added.

In general, he supports Gomes's work, including Gomes's idea that the Bible, itself, is not an icon to be worshipped for its own sake. "But I don't come from a Bible religion, as he does," explained Helminiak.

In his discussion of women in the Bible, Gomes acknowledges Paul's sexism and other references that have been used to keep women out of leadership roles in the church, and he refuses to dismiss Paul's authority. But he also discusses the circumstances around some of these references and points to great women spiritual leaders in the New Testament, women often praised by Paul.

Though he is usually more conservative, Gomes seems sympathetic to feminist demands for more inclusive language in church. He is reticent to change the language of the Bible or of existing hymns, acknowledging that people develop strong attachments to old favorites. "But while it is

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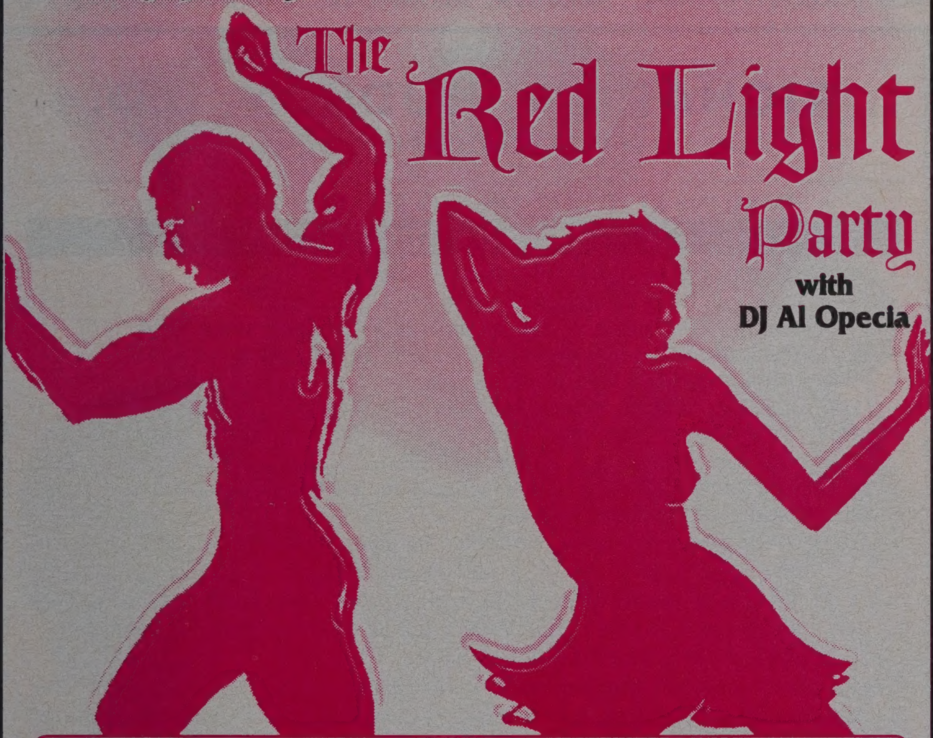

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not possible to write new Bibles that reflect the spirit of the age, it is not only possible, but essential, that we write new hymns to add to the storehouse of piety, hymns that include more people," he sates in his book.

On racial issues, Gomes admits, "the biblical case for slavery was both strong and consistent," but he adds that, as in all biblical controversies, specific instances must be read within its larger context. "Here, the Bible's moral principles argued against the social practices to be found within the Bible," he writes.

Badili Jones served as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar for 12 years, including two years as a priest. Since leaving the priesthood, he has worked briefly with Unity Fellowship in Atlanta. Jones agrees that current social practices described in many Bible stories don't always come up to the moral standards that the Bible teaches. But, he is more cautious than Gomes in dismissing the possibility that churches still use the Bible to justify racism. "He treats it as if that's now a settled issue," said Jones. "He calls homosexuality the last taboo." Though Jones admits that only fringe groups still actively point to the Bible to justify white supremacy, he will not let the mostly white organized church leadership off the hook so easily. "It's still an issue when it comes to churches. There's theory and then there's practice."

But Gomes didn't write the book for scholars who have already studied the Bible extensively. He hoped to address the needs of the aver-

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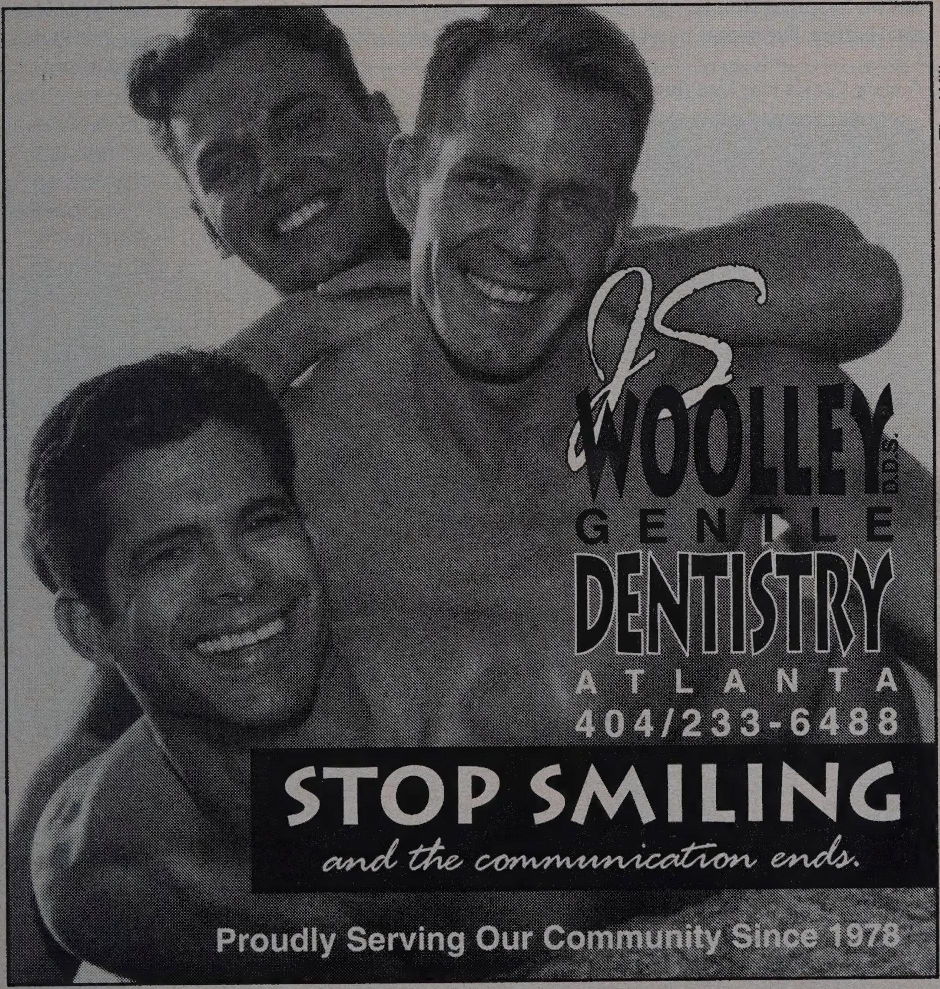

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by Elizabeth Elkins

Gay Town queers celebrated the end of 1996 with a bash. Most of the boys could be found at Ritual: The New Years' Eve Boy Party at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. Promoter Lee Nail and decorator John McDonald attracted over 1,200 men to their first annual event Dec. 31.

McDonald – who owns Twelve, a flowers and gifts shop next to Einstein's on Juniper Street – was particularly happy: "It went really well. We got started really late in organizing the whole thing. We were hoping for around 2,000 people. But we're a definite go for next year, and I'm sure we'll have even more people then!"

A New Year's Eve kiss during Ritual.

Jon Rou

Swä-ra producer Anna Ragghianti (left) with Stacy Eames of Stage Left Cafè.

Tina O'Connor

If girls are your cup of tea, you were probably tempted to join the lesbians partying at Swä-ra: The Holiday Girl Party at 7 Stages on Dec. 28. Mary Fortune Express crooner, Chris McQuire, and Pride Entertainment Committee Chair, Terri Irons, joined over 50 women for a high-energy night of drinks and food. Disc jockey Jodie Locklear kept things brisk with her beats, while Melanie K. Spinkx's S&M-tinged sculpture raised a few eyebrows.

Swä-ra was organized by Anna Ragghianti to give exposure to Stacy Eames' Stage Left Cafè, which is part of the 7 Stages Lobby.

Queer ice skating icon Rudy Galindo wowed an audience of around 15,000 at the Omni Dec. 28. Galindo was in town as a part of the "Nutcracker on Ice" tour. He performed two sequences: an Arabian and a Spanish number (both involving adoring female skaters fawning over the in-character Galindo). Atlanta must like flamboyance: Galindo's flashy moves and showy jumps brought down the house.

Congratulations... The 1997 Pride Committee has filled out its board and operations committee with quite a few new faces this year. New members include former Mobile, Ala., resident James Tarleton; North Carolinian Ron Allesandrini; Charis Books employee Sara Look; the Rainbow Healing Center's Dr. Jose Gomez; and Brothers Back to Back and In the Life founder Bruce Williams.

Media Mentions... Richard Cherry – perhaps best known as Mary Edith Pitts – was featured in the Dec. 6 – 12 edition of the Atlanta Business Chronicle. Cherry raised more than $28,000 for AID Atlanta to take the 1996 Homecoming title, given annually to the top fundraiser. The paper applauded AID Atlanta for its "creative" fund-raising techniques.... American Bookseller magazine highlighted both Charis and Outwrite bookstores in an article called "Spotlight on

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Gay and Lesbian Bookselling” in its December issue. Charis co-owner Linda Bryant was interviewed extensively.... Flying Biscuit chef April Moon is considered a “Style-Maker” by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution; she was included in a Dixie Living section spread on who to watch in 1997.... Also in the AJC – this time in the Peach Buzz column – Phillip Rafshoon (Outwrite Books owner), Palmer Marsh (Burkhart’s owner) and Debbie Fraker (Etcetera regular contributor) revealed their New Year’s resolutions. Fraker’s resolution stated: “...to spend more time with my wife.” We’ll ask Joan Sherwood next year if Debbie kept it or not.

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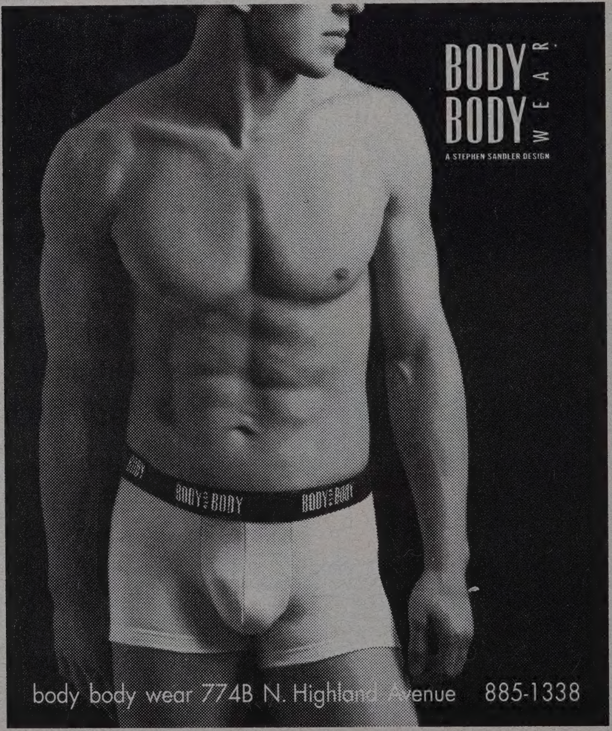

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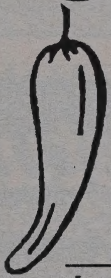

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✪ It would be a great idea if certain gay clubs would have a gay night once in a while.

✪ Jan. 4, at 3:00 a.m. Atlanta Police were doing a DUI check at Piedmont Park on 10th Street. Why is it they did a road check between Hoedowns and Blake's in the gay community? I think its time to send a message back to the mayor that the gay community will not STAND this type of harassment.

✪ I think some gay people need to remember one thing: Judge ye not, lest thee not be judged. Just because I don't wear Macy's finest clearance table doesn't mean I don't have two college degrees, a lover and a job other than waiting tables.

✪ I'm not sure what I'm supposed to be spouting off on?

✪ The New Year's Eve party I went to was a bust! When will Atlanta promoters start caring more about the gay community than making a buck?

✪ How long do we have to wait for a gay TV network? They have a TV network just for anti-gay, big-haired people, so why don't we have a pro-gay, big-haired TV network?

✪ Anyone who thinks Clinton is NOT A FRIEND of gays, is very narrow-minded. He operates within a political climate, and he has done more for us than any other president.

✪ Contrary to what every critic thought, "The Foodchain" was full of offensive stereotypes, very shallow and very predictable.

✪ A warning to viatical settlers, one lied to me about giving me $100 for sending in my policy and applying regardless of whether I was accepted. AND they told my employer I was HIV positive.

✪ Whoever paraphrases the Spout Off is not doing a real good job. The reason The Vent is so good is because it is paraphrased better. Spout Off is just boring! I don't know what it is but it ain't working.

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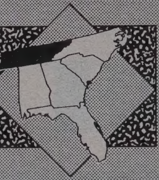

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age lay reader looking for guidance in Bible study. Atlanta businessperson Dick Williams (not the local columnist) is exactly the type of reader Gomes hopes will find his book. Williams had been intending to re-read the Bible and was looking for a tool to help study it. He discovered "The Good Book" through a review and decided to give it a try. "['The Good Book' is] a new way of looking at it, and it makes perfect sense," he explained. "I want to get through it and go back and read it again with a highlighter."

Will it get Williams back into the Bible? "Probably. When you're a little kid in Sunday School, all you hear is love, and as you grow older that love turns to something different.

"If you read [the Bible] with that in mind, you have to come up with the interpretations that Peter Gomes has come up with – if you read it with love and you don't have any agenda."

In the Atlanta area, sales of "The Good Book" are doing well, according to representatives of major bookstores, though sales are better at in-town locations. Gomes' prestige in both the religious and the academic worlds, along with the quality of his writing, will make "The Good Book" a strong participant in on-going religious discussions and the quest of understanding the complex messages of such an intimidating book.

Rev. Peter J. Gomes will preach at the Morehouse College Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 11:00 a.m. before discussing and signing copies of "The Good Book" at Outwrite Books at 7:30 p.m. that evening. ▼

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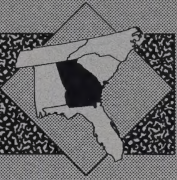

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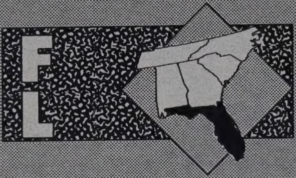

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day. ABC.

"Melrose Place"
Matt Fielding (Doug Savant) has a boyfriend! Former "B.J. and the Bear" star Greg Evigan stars as Dr. Don Hathaway. 8:00 p.m. FOX.

tuesday

"Roseanne"
Add another queer to the fray as Roseanne's mom (Estelle Parsons) joins the series' long list of queer characters which includes Martin Mull and Sandra Bernhard. 8:00 p.m. ABC.

"Mad About You"
Suzie Plakson appears in a recurring role as Joan, the significant other of Debbie (Robin Bartlett). 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"Spin City"
Michael J. Fox sitcom features Carter, a regular gay activist character, played by Michael Boatman. 9:30 p.m. ABC.

wednesday

"Ellen"
Rumor has it Ellen Morgan may come out of the closet slowly during this season. No word about the show's star Ellen DeGeneres (yawn). Perhaps she'll follow the lead of the program's already queer character played by gay actor Patrick Bristow. 9:30 p.m. ABC.

"Beverly Hills 90210"
Actor Michael Stoyanov has a recurring role as a gay widower with AIDS at the hospice where Kelly volunteers. 8:00 p.m. FOX.

"Party of Five"
Mitchell Anderson appears as the gay music teacher with an adopted daughter. 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"The Real World V"
Latest incarnation of the ongoing real-life show about a bunch of young adults sharing the same digs. This one, set in Miami, features a queer 21-year-old (Dan) and his closeted boyfriend. 10:00 p.m. MTV. Repeats Friday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 7:00 p.m.

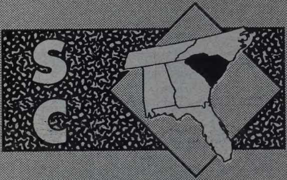
"The Larry Sanders Show"
Gary Shadling's comedy show includes gay actor Scott Thompson as a number of characters, some of them gay. 10:00 p.m. HBO.

thursday

"Odum's A.M. Vienner Dish"
Monotone drag diva DeAundra Peek and sidekick Duffy Odum offer the latest dish from Odum's All-Double-Wide Mobile Homes Court for the 96 Rock listening audience. 7:00 a.m. WKLS – 96.5 FM.

"Gay Graffiti"
News and information for the gay and lesbian community. 7:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.3 FM.

"Friends"
A group of college graduates and their crazy New York lives. Occasionally features a married lesbian couple with a child. 8:00 p.m. NBC.



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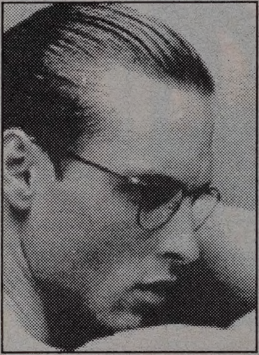

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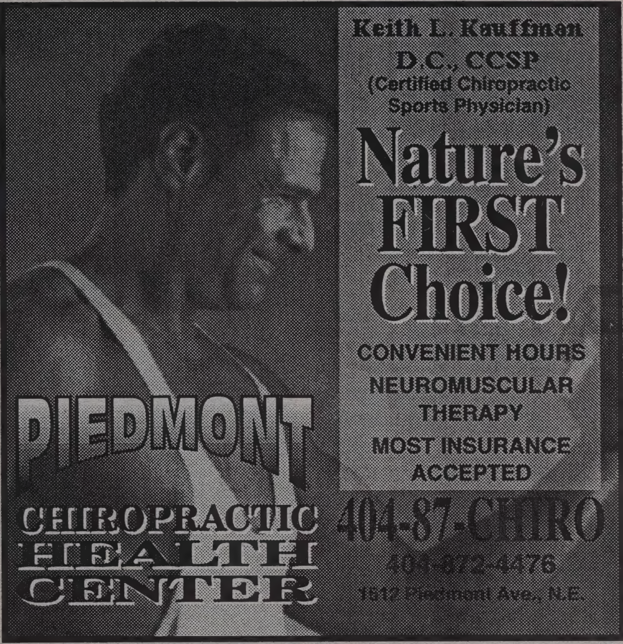

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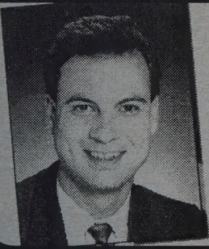

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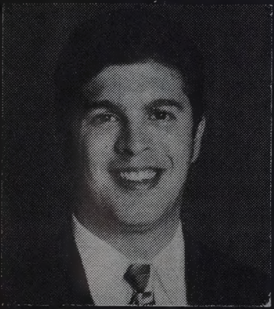

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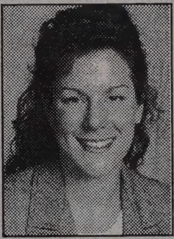

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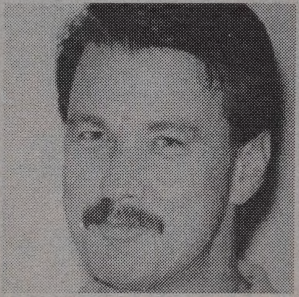

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Sonny Ausburn passed quietly the afternoon of December 26. Sonny was an ardent supporter of country western activities. He was active in promoting Southern Country, a charter member of S.E.G.R.A. and served on the Board of Trustees of the I.G.R.A. for several years. He spent the last years involved in Clean Community System of East Point. A gathering of family and friends will celebrate his life at his beloved home the afternoon of January 19. If he touched your life in any way and you would like to share, please join us. Call 404-766-7341 for details. [04]

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AID Atlanta Support Groups - Living with HIV groups: Wed & Thurs 7-9. Afr-Am men living with HIV: Tues 7-9. Caregivers, family, s.o.'s: Wed 7-9. Bereaement: Tues 7-9. Free, confidential, professionally-led. AID Atlanta, 1438 W. Peachtree, 404-885-6800 x231.

PRIDE ENTERTAINERS NEEDED! 1997 Pride Festival - June 27-28-29. The Atlanta Pride Committee will be accepting promotional kits until Feb. 4, 1997 from artists interested in perfoming at the 1997 Festival. The kit should contain: audio tape or CD, video for dance or other performance, photograph for print reproduction, short bio, contact name and number. Atlanta Pride Committee, Entertainment Committee, 4880 Lower Roswell Rd., Ste. 445-117, Marietta, GA 30068. [04]

AIDS 101 Seminars. Next date: Sat., Jan. 18,1997 at Lutheran redeemer Church at 731 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta 30308. Call to register or for more information: 404-872-0600 x280. AIDS 101 has been educating the community for over 10 years. Get the facts. Required training for new volunteers to AID Atlanta. [04]

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The Fulton County Health Dept. will be providing a mobile community health clinic to offer hepatitis A vaccine at Ansley Mall on Jan. 11 & 25 from 11am to 3:30pm. 404-657-3111. [05]

The Self-Esteem Project. The best offense and the best defense for HIV/AIDS. Peer support group now forming. Call 404-249-1773. [04]

Integrity/Atlanta will observe the feast of its patron saint, Aelred of Rievaulx, with Holy Eucharist on Fri., Jan. 10 at 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 Lavista Rd., NE. The celebrant will be Rt. Rev. Judson Child, Seventh Bishop of Atlanta, and the preacher will be the Rev. Lynnsay Buehler of St. Bartholomew's. 770-642-3183. [04]

Integrity/Atlanta, holds regular meetings at 7:30pm the second and fourth Fri. evenings of each month, including Eucharist celebrated by priests from throughout the Diocese of Atanta, followed by a social hour, at the Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. 770-642-3183. [11]

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) conference: Keynote speaker Candace Gingrich. St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Sat., 2/22/97, 8:30am - 4pm. 404-872-4320. [06]

Abundant Grace Community Church 2nd Anniversary Celebration. Fri., Jan. 17, 7:30pm - Community Services; Sat., Jan. 18, 7:30pm - FREE concert by Marsha Stevens; Sat., Jan. 19 - Anniversary celebration with Marsha Stevens. 743 Virginia Ave. 404-815-0036. [04]

HIV Treatment Update: Reports from the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Thurs., Feb 27, 6:30pm, Atlanta Renaissance Hotel, 590 W. Peachtree St. Sponsored by AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta & American Foundation for AIDS Research. [09]

Atlanta Executive Network. Monthly meeting each 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm - doors open 5:45pm. 404-814-1418. [08]

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ATHENS - AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia Family Reunion to Celebrate Volunteer Achievements at The Globe, 199 N. Lumpkin St at 8pm. All those who have served the group in whatever capacity are invited. 706-542-AIDS. [06]

Decatur-Dekalb Gay-Straight Alliance. The January Forum, Prejudice & Discrimination. Monday, Jan. 20, 7:30pm. Epiphany Episcopal Church, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-378-7210. [06]

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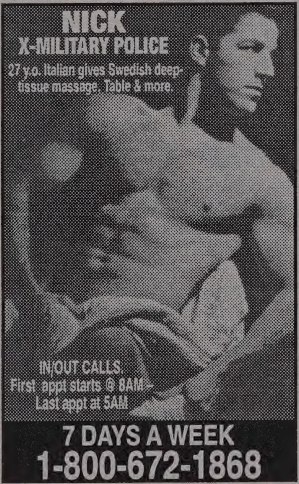
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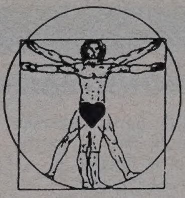
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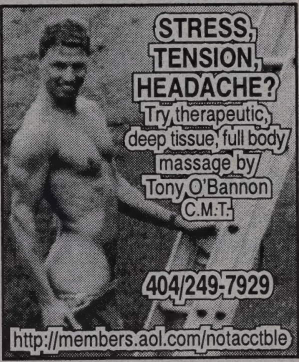
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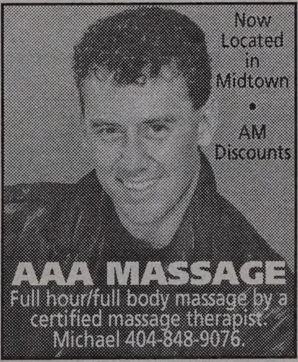
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The Gainesville Georgia Society of Religious Science meets every Sunday in Lymann Hall at the Gainesville Civic Center at 11am. 404-897-1026. [05]

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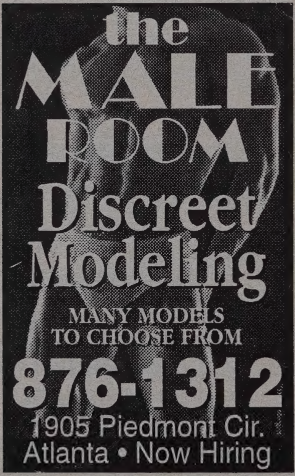

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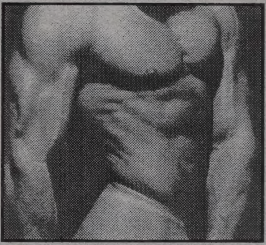

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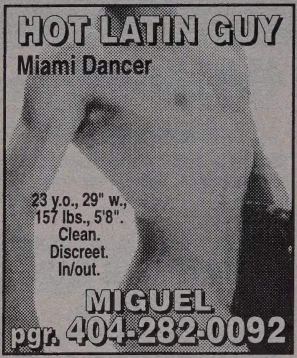
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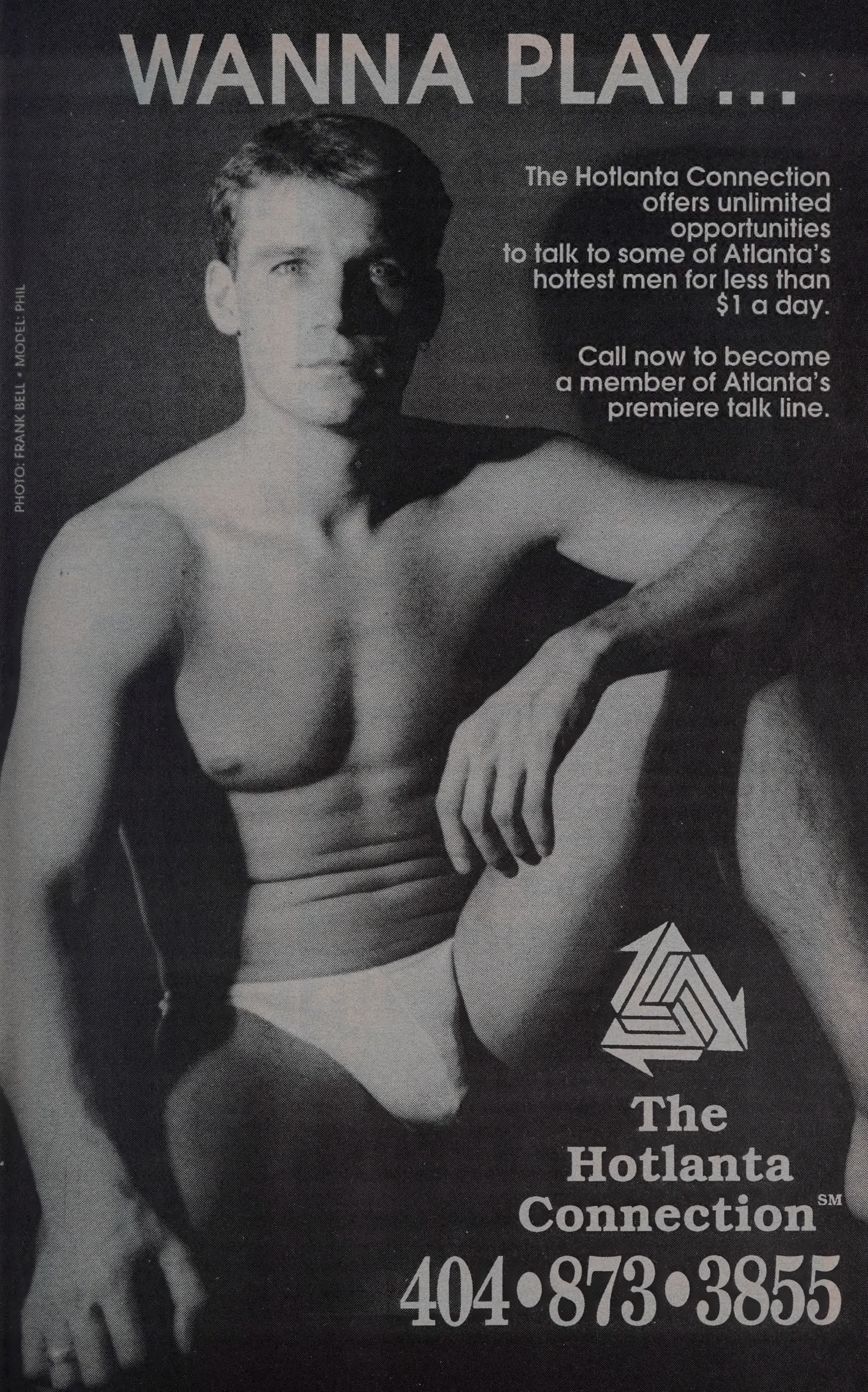

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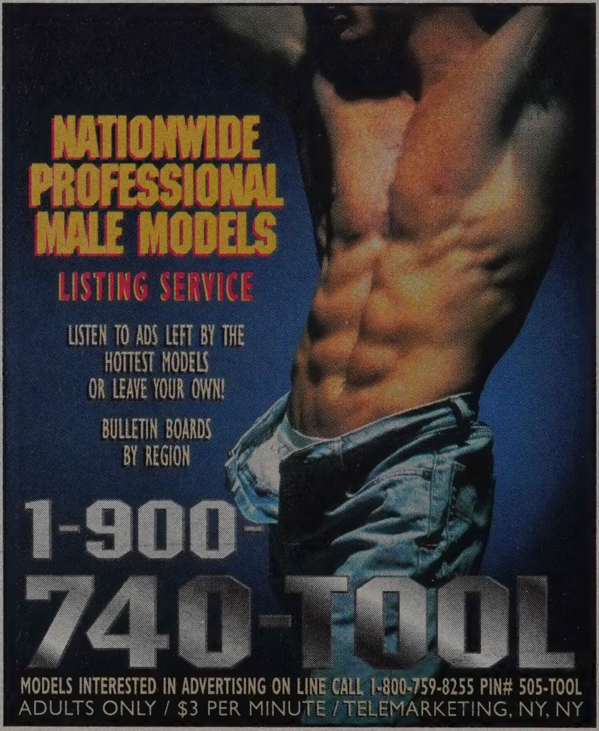
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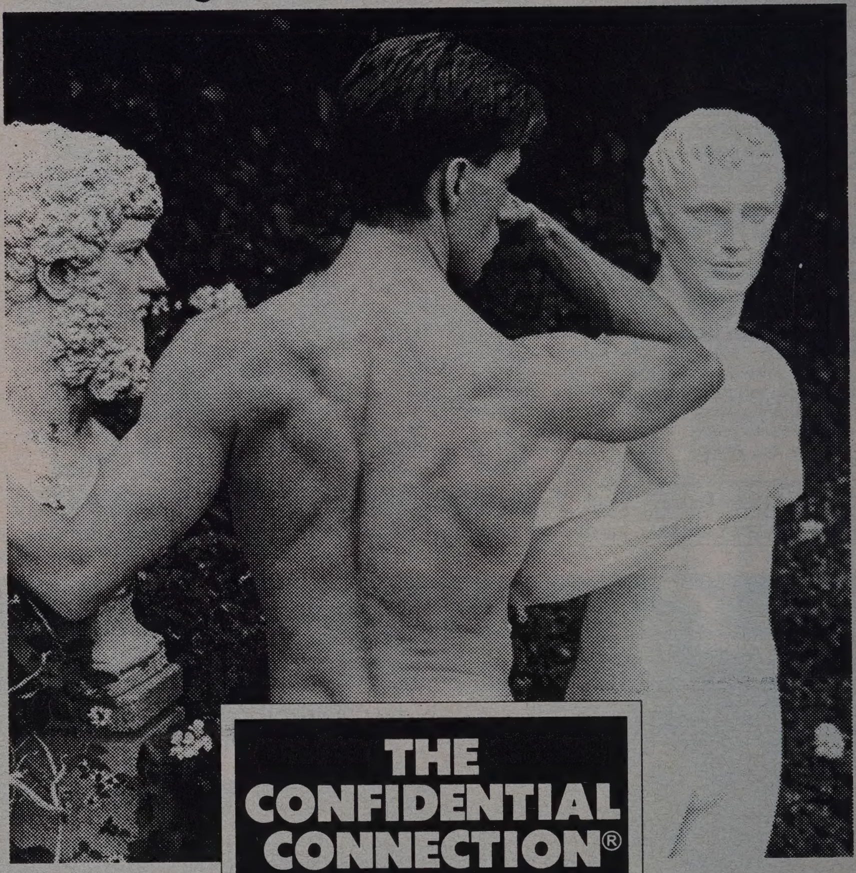

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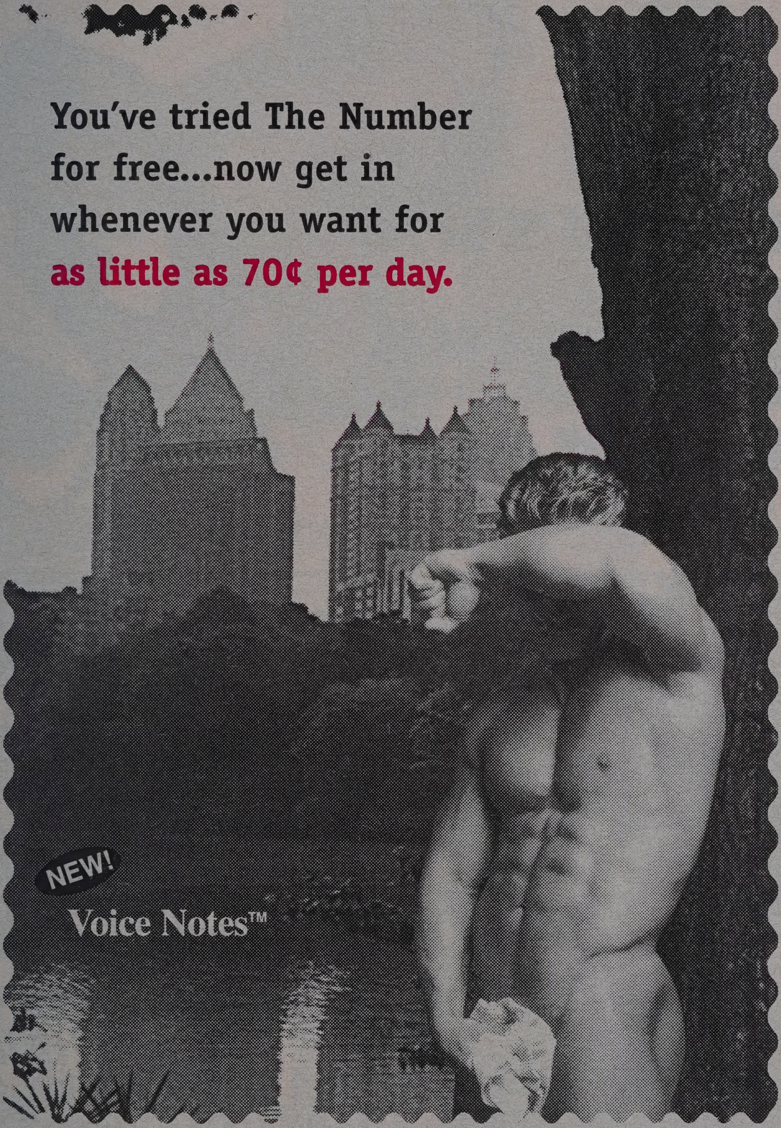
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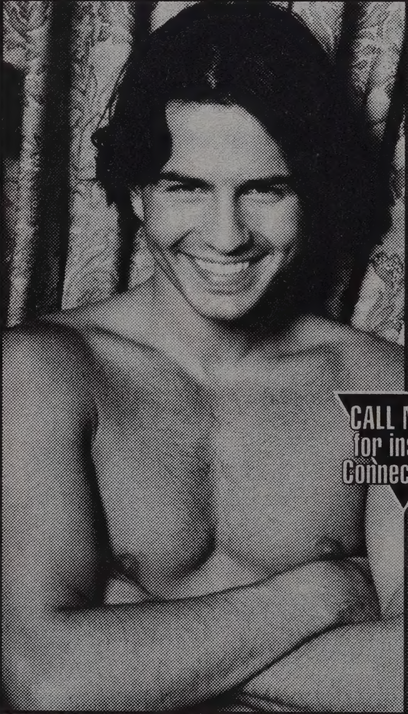

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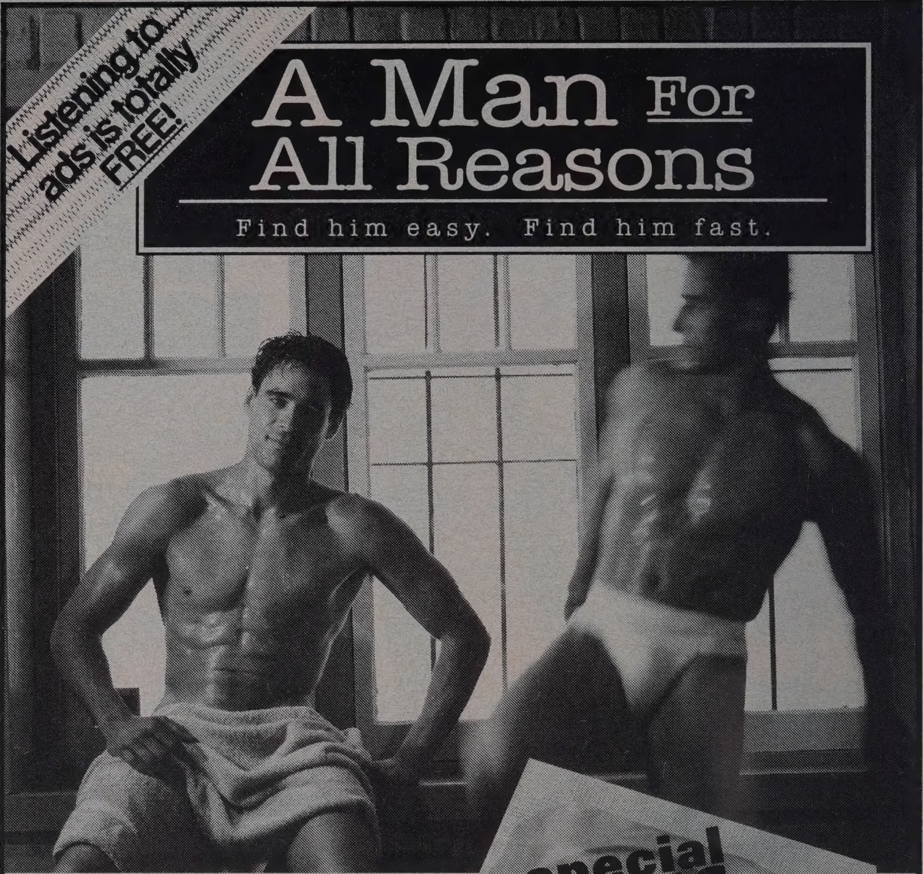

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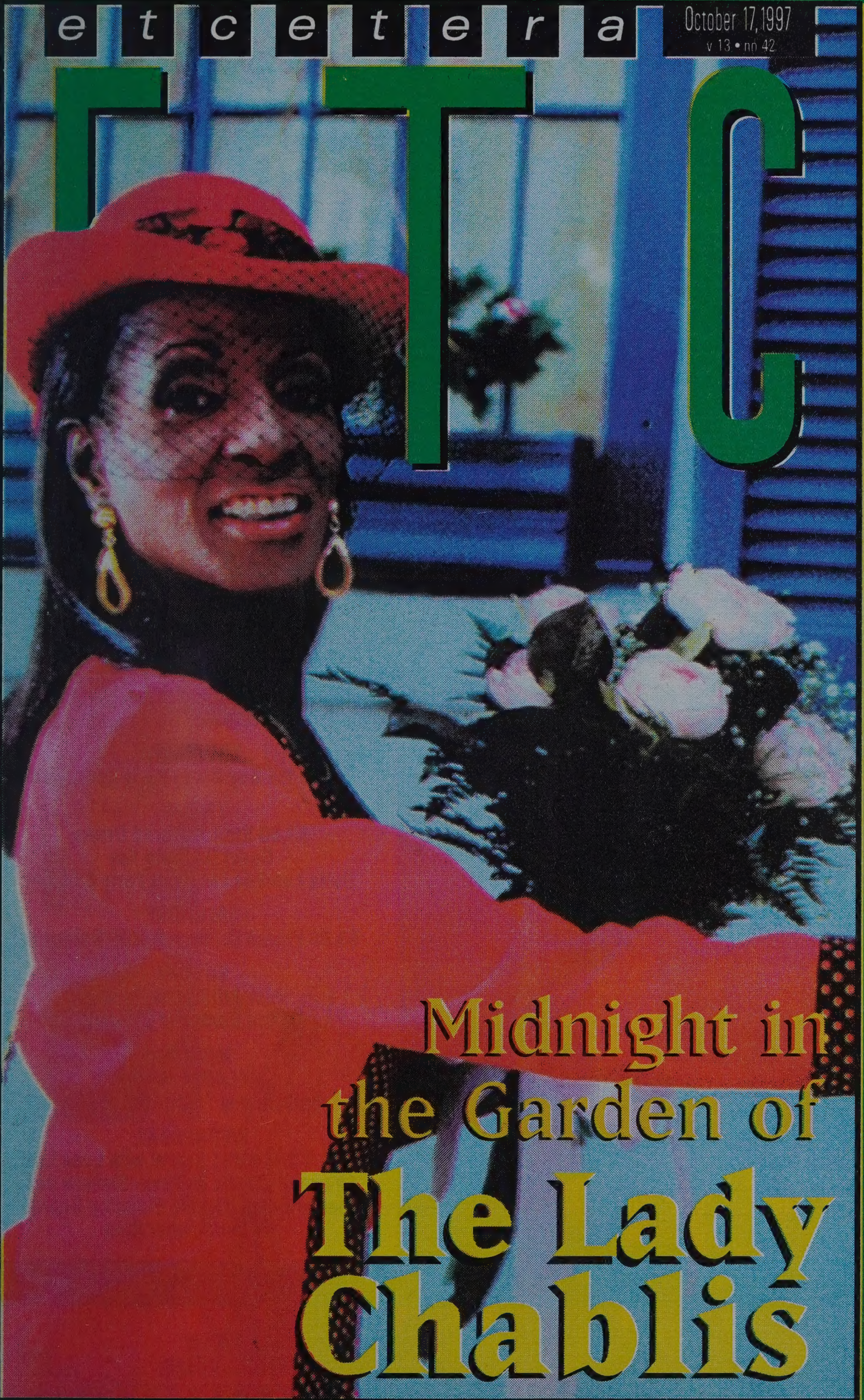

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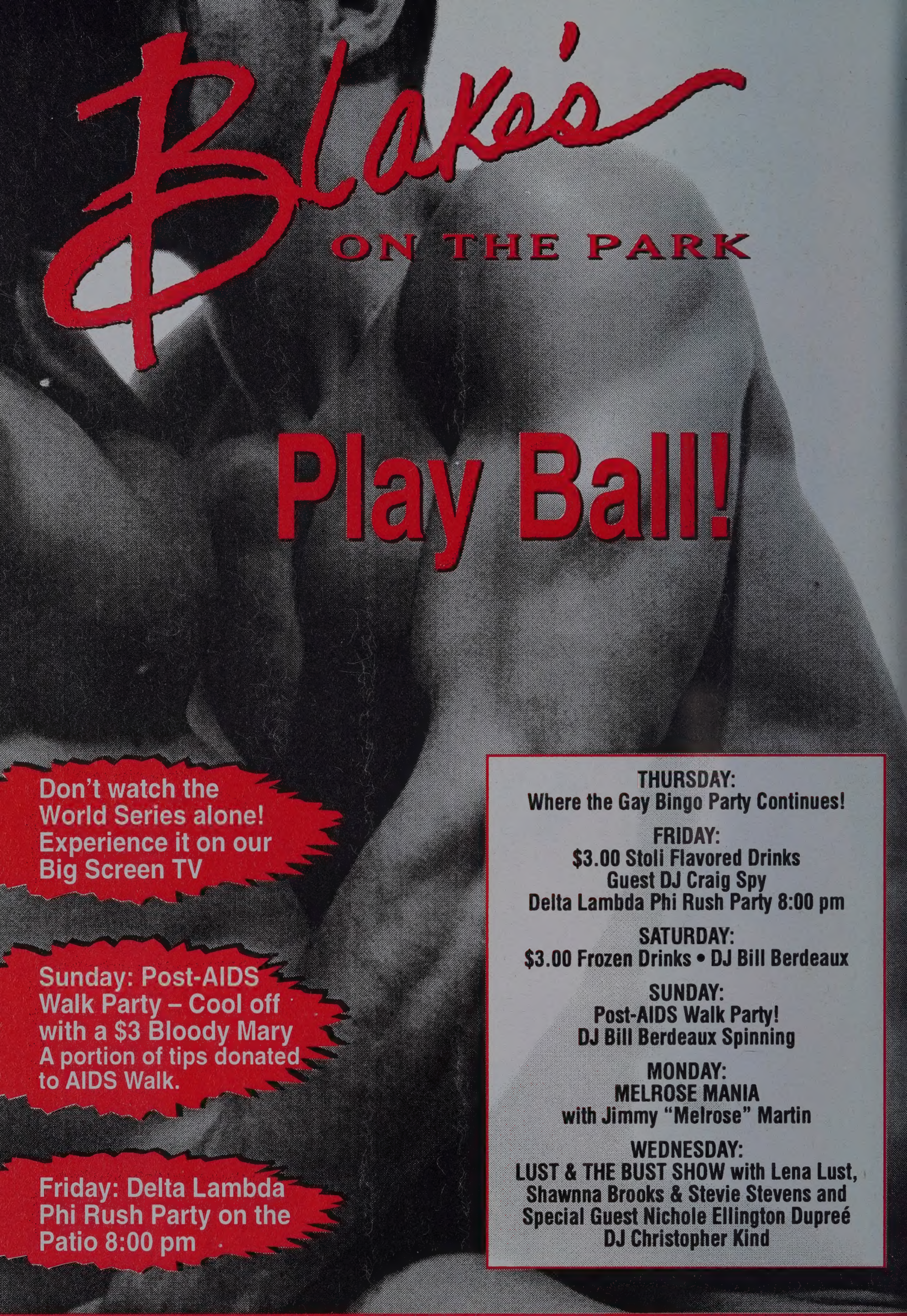

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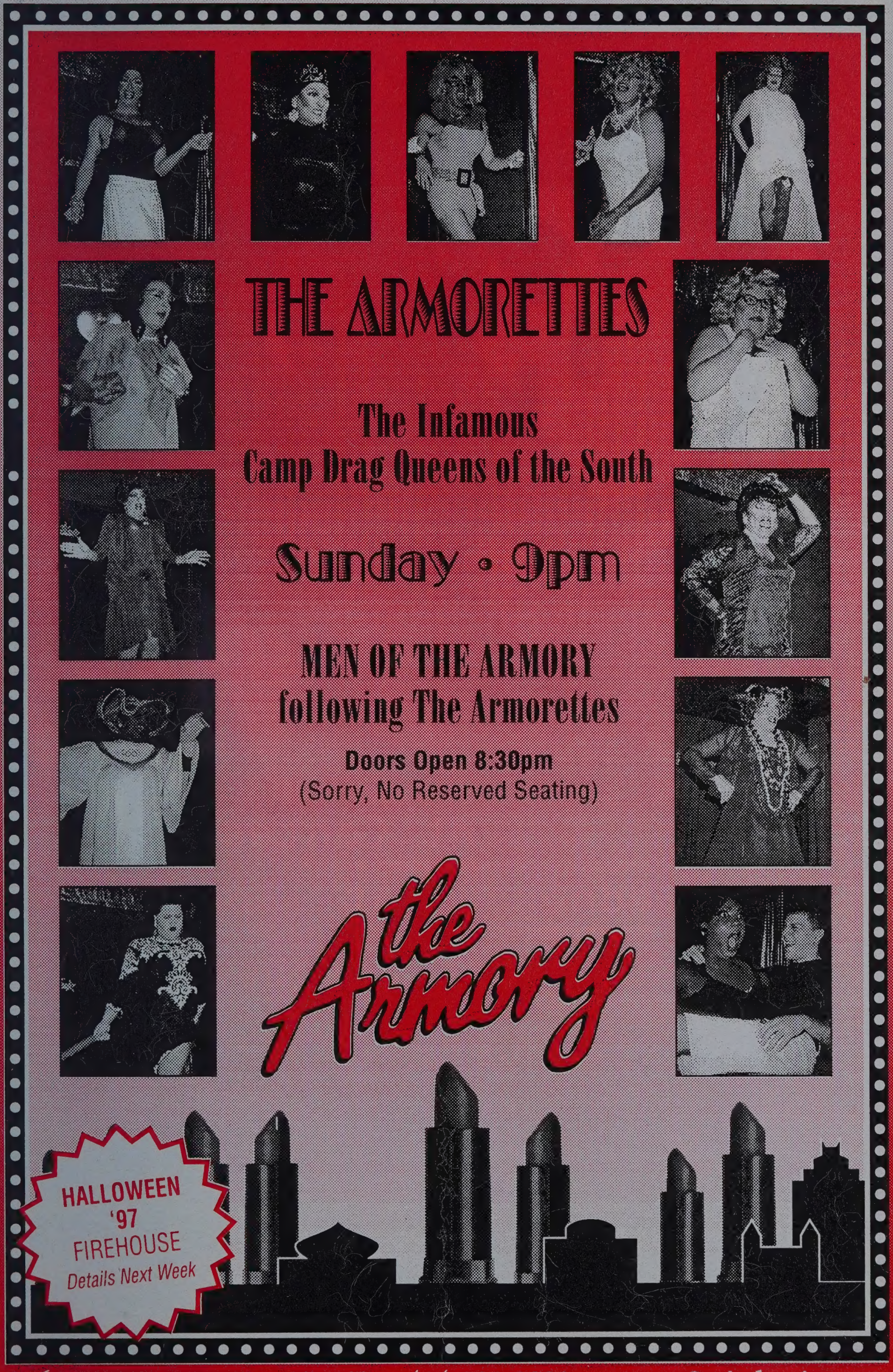

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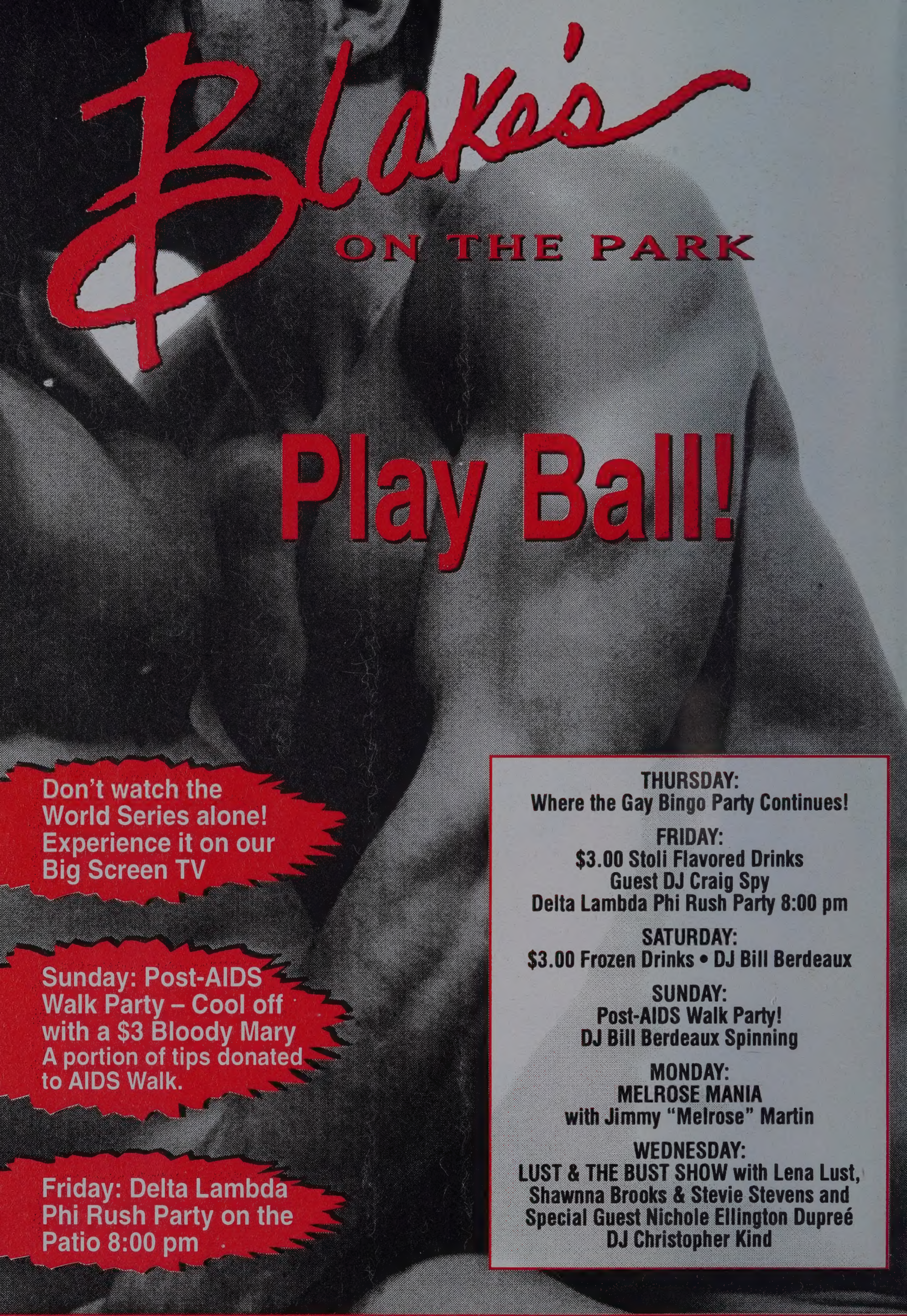

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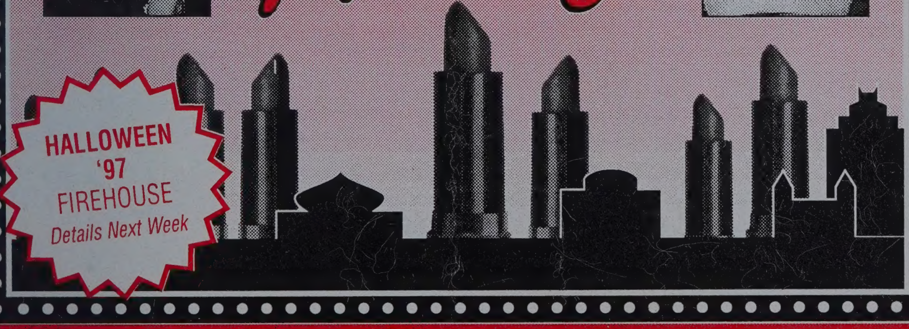
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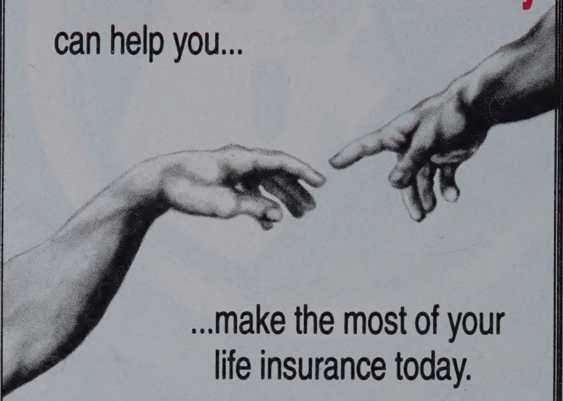

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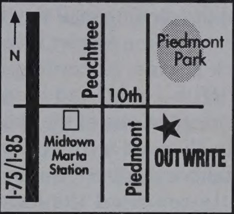
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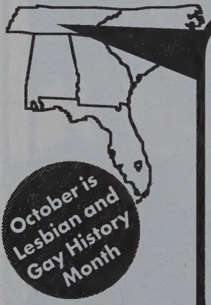
ARREST MADE IN HATE MAIL CASE

DeKalb County police said, Oct. 10, they had arrested James Timothy Griffith of Decatur in connection with threatening mail sent to a number of his lesbian and gay neighbors. A group of residents reported to police they had received hate mail, Sept. 11 (see Etcetera, Vol. 13, #39), addressed to "homoperverts" and telling them to "go back to Midtown where you belong." Police later cleared the neighbor whose name was signed to the letters and focused their investigation on other harassing and threatening mail sent to several other people, including former Etcetera columnist Betty Jack Divine. According to Det. C.C. Poteet, Griffith - who had identified himself as a recipient of one of the "homopervert" letters - was charged with stalking in an "ongoing neighbor dispute." Susan Browne, who originally reported the hate mail incident to Etcetera, said, "It's really unfortunate a member of our own [gay] community would do that. This may be the result of internalized homophobia, but he knew it would terrorize us because this happens for real. I'm glad he was arrested because he needs help, and we can all feel safer now."

BAR OWNERS FUMING OVER LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

Atlanta bar and nightclub owners were floored recently when they received notice about renewing their alcohol beverage licenses for 1998. Acting on an old but until-now unenforced state law, the Atlanta Police Department's License and Permits Unit is requiring license holders to provide a letter from a certified public account detailing the percentage of sales from alcohol and food. Restaurant and club owners must show that at least 50 percent of their revenue comes from food sales, while convenience stores cannot derive more than five percent of their revenues from alcohol. "They didn't warn us about any of this," fumed Dina Collins, owner of the Midtown gay bar Hoedown's. "People are going to be put out of business." Collins, who sees the move as an election year ploy, said enforcement of parking requirements will also make it more difficult for in-town neighborhood bars and eateries to comply. Gay bars may be hit especially hard, since most have only offered the food service required by law to serve alcohol on Sundays. But bar owners aren't going to take the changes lying down. At press time, a Bar Owners Association meeting was scheduled for Oct. 13, to discuss strategies for fighting the new rules. Attorney Alan Begner, who has already been retained in the matter by Collins and others, said that although the impact on gay clubs will be "tremendous," he doesn't believe the action was directed particularly at those establishments. "Talk about impact! If they intend to push this, we'll make sure they prosecute across the board," Begner told Etcetera. "Wait until we find places like Houlihan's that present themselves as restaurants but may be doing only, say, 47 percent food sales. They'll scream bloody murder." Begner said this "seriously evil law" goes beyond election year grandstanding and is part of a long-range plan to limit and punish holders of liquor licenses.

QUEER HISTORY IN THE SOUTH

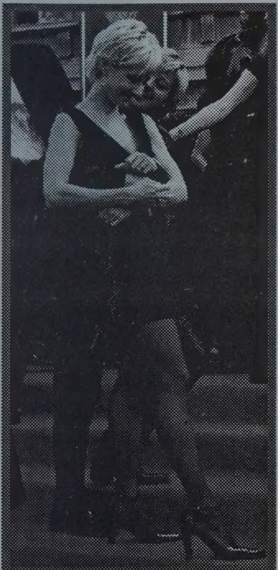


Bessie Smith birthplace, Chattanooga, Tenn. **Lesbian blues legend Bessie Smith was born in 1894 on West Sixth St. The home is no longer standing, but Smith's piano and memorabilia are collected in the nearby Chattanooga African-American Museum, 730 Martin Luther King Blvd.**

Source: "The Queerest Places" by Paula Martinac (Owl Books, 1997).

ELLEN FURIOUS OVER KISS WARNING

A furious Ellen DeGeneres accused ABC of censorship for placing a warning about "adult content" before the episode of "Ellen," Oct. 8, in which the actress kisses female co-star Joely Fisher. "I never wanted to be an activist, but now they're turning me into one," DeGeneres told TV Guide. In addition to the TV-14 rating icon that flashes at the opening of the show, ABC added the additional adult content warning - without explaining why - to the show, which featured a brief, joking kiss between the two women. DeGeneres said the aim of the series was to let gay kids know there's nothing wrong with being gay, "and now they're saying, 'Children shouldn't watch it.'" DeGeneres also



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Watch those lips, girls: Ellen DeGeneres – hugging her lover, Anne Heche (left) – says ABC censored her.

said that Jamie Tarses, president of ABC, had informed her that a planned future scene of Ellen and another woman walking off to a bedroom, presumably to have sex, would not be allowed. DeGeneres and her executive producer are now ready to walk off the show, and some ABC executives say they may be willing to let that happen, although "Ellen" is one of the few shows on the network performing well in the ratings.

COURT REJECTS GAY-RELATED CASES

For the third time in a year, the U.S. Supreme Court, Oct. 6, turned away a challenge to the Clinton administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on gays in the military. The Court refused without comment to revive a lawsuit by former Air Force Capt. Richard Richenberg, who was discharged in 1995 after coming out to a superior officer. The same day, the Court also let stand a ruling that lets newspapers bar their reporters from political activism. Again without comment, the court rejected an appeal by Sandra Nelson of Tacoma, Wash., who was transferred from a reporting job after refusing to forgo her off-hours gay activism. The state Supreme Court last May upheld the paper's right to reassign Nelson even though a state law prohibits such actions by other employers. Finally, on the more gay-positive side, the Court also turned away an appeal by a Massachusetts man who says his religious freedom was violated because his son was temporarily placed in foster care with two gay men.

Candidates face off at GEP forum

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta - Candidates and campaign workers far outnumbered the public at a forum sponsored by Georgia Equality Project (GEP), Oct. 9, to give candidates for Atlanta mayor, city council and school board the chance to meet voters and answer their questions.

Nearly 30 office-seekers or their representatives took the stage, most of them reiterating the support for gay issues that got them either "endorsed," "highly supportable" or "supportable" ratings in the GEP PAC voter guides handed out at the event. Aside from such issues as hate crimes legislation and anti-gay harassment in schools, most questions dealt with city-wide concerns - sewers and infrastructure, crime and privatization of city services - to which candidates, in the brief time allotted them, gave rather general replies. The only real spark of difference or debate in the evening emerged out of the two most hotly contested races in this election.

"No one has been more supportive of our gay and lesbian citizens then I have," Joe Kelly, a candidate for the City Council District 6 seat currently held by Mary Davis, said in his opening statement. Kelly made no effort to conceal his disappointment over GEP's ratings in that race - an endorsement for open lesbian Cathy Woolard, "highly supportable" for Davis and Jon Gordon, and "supportable" for Kelly. "To be treated

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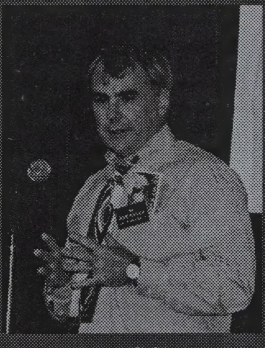

District 6 candidate Joe Kelly expressed his dismay over GEP's ratings.

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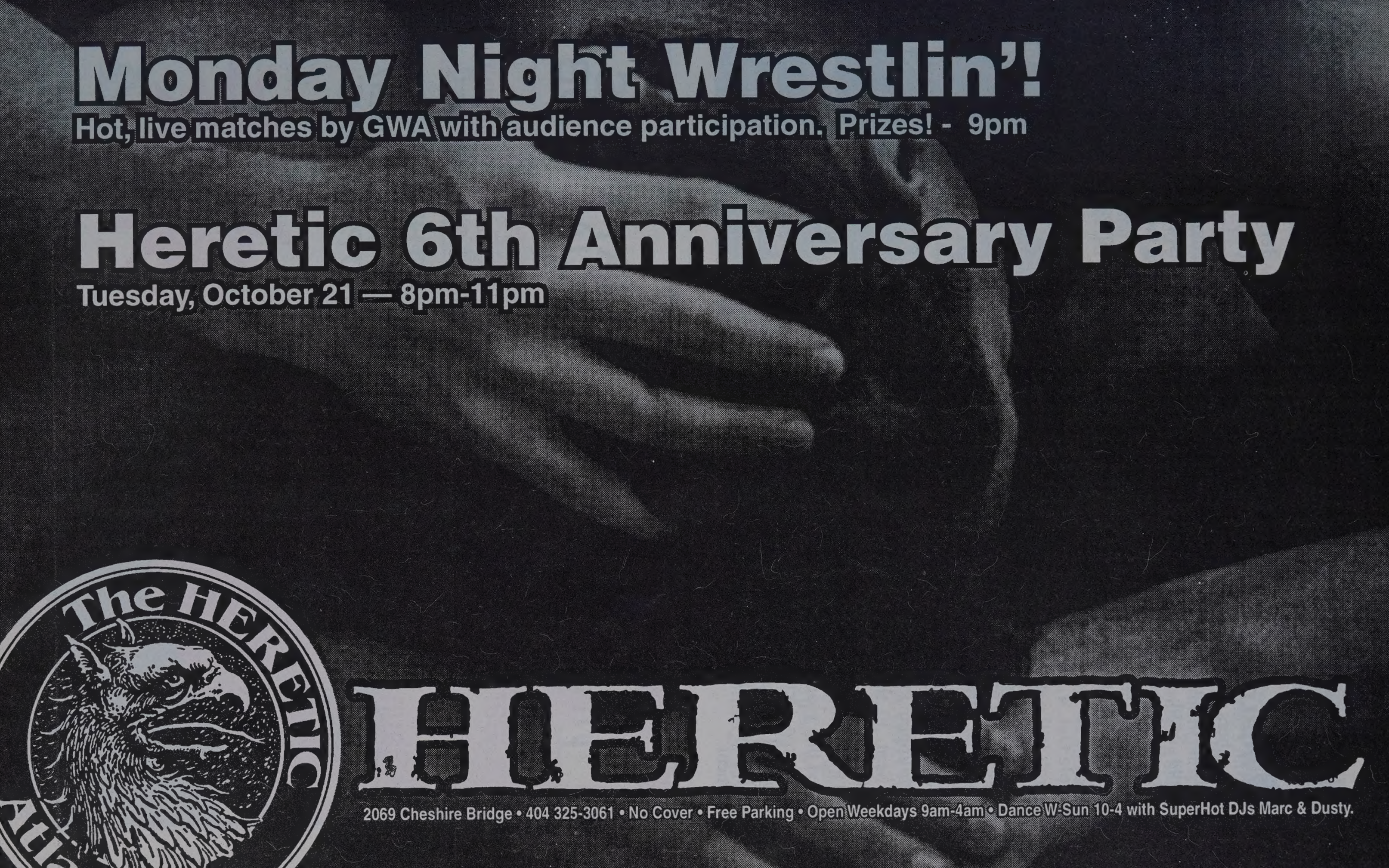

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QUEER WORLD

★ Members of the Rio de Janeiro gay group Atoba, Sept. 29, burned posters announcing Pope John Paul II's visit to Brazil. The protest in Candelaria Plaza focused on Atoba's demand that the Catholic Church recognize gay marriage. Speaking to 4,000 people Oct. 4, John Paul reiterated that the church will not recognize sexual "diversity" within marriage.

★ About 170 marchers turned out for the first Gay Pride parade in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, last month, reported Vancouver's Xtra! West.

★ Philippine President Fidel Ramos signed a law Sept. 30, that allows spouses and men to sue for rape.

★ The Netherlands' annual Homo Expo, staged this year in the southern border city of Eindhoven, Oct. 3 – 5, attracted thousands of Belgian, Dutch and German gays with exhibits on "lifestyle, culture, associative life and entertainment."

★ About 1,000 delegates from all over the Americas arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oct. 7, for the first international congress of lesbian and gay Hispanics. Legislators there want to ban same-sex marriages, and police are in court defending themselves against charges of anti-gay harassment.

– Rex Wockner contributed

John Paul II rides through Rio de Janeiro's streets in his Popemobile, protected from gay protesters

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▼ The Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force brought together the heads of more than 30 gay organizations to launch the National Policy Roundtable in Washington, D.C., Sept. 25 - 26. The group, expected to meet every six months, will provide a forum for policy and strategy discussions and for exploring collaborative projects.

▼ Close to 100 lesbian and gay Christians kicked off the first night of a four-day religious crusade with a service at the Metropolitan Community Church in San Francisco's Castro District, Oct. 5. The crusade was organized in reaction to recent condemnations of homosexuality as a sin by the Rev. Billy Graham and the rally in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4, of the men's religious group Promise Keepers. The founder of Promise Keepers has called homosexuality an "abomination before God." Organizers of the gay Christian crusade said its goal was to challenge stereotypes while celebrating faith.

▼ Several members of the Presidential Advisory Council on AIDS said, Oct. 8, they might resign to protest the White House's refusal to spend money on needle exchange programs.

▼ A Connecticut health department nurse filed suit against the state, Oct. 6, alleging she was unlawfully punished for sharing her religious beliefs. Jo Ann Knight was suspended after telling a gay person with AIDS that God loves everyone but doesn't like the "homosexual lifestyle."

▼ Coretta Scott King has joined such luminaries as musicians Beck and Bonnie Raitt, actors Judith Light and Bea Arthur and the cast of "Rent" in signing on to a resolution in support of same-sex marriage sponsored by the National Freedom to Marry Coalition.

▼ Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, Oct. 3, signed a proclamation declaring October to be Lesbian and Gay History Month in the state.

t Because of a petition signed by 200 students, Rutland High School in Vermont will take steps to combat homophobia in school.

▼ Pres. Bill Clinton announced, Oct. 7, the nomination of James C. Hormel, a gay San

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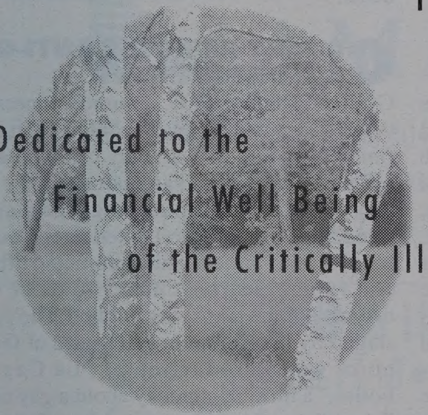

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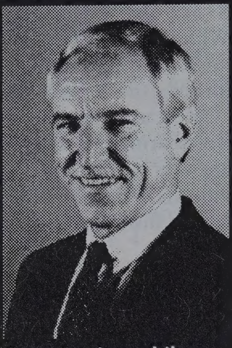


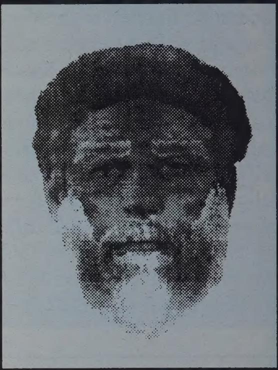
San Francisco philanthropist – and future ambassador? – James Hormel.

Francisco business owner and philanthropist, as ambassador to Luxembourg. If he is approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee – headed by anti-gay conservative Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C) – and confirmed by the Senate, Hormel would become the first openly gay U.S. ambassador. In 1994, Clinton was on the verge of nominating Hormel as ambassador to Fiji but ultimately chose not to send the nomination to the Judiciary Committee. Hormel also served as an alternate representative to the United Nations General Assembly in 1996.

▼ San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and California Assemblymember Carole Migden were among the hundreds of people who participated in the third annual Family Day for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families and friends at San Francisco's Unitarian Center, Oct. 4.

BOMBING TASK FORCE LOOKING FOR BEARDED MAN

The federal task force investigating three bombings in Atlanta is trying to identify a bearded man seen at The Otherside, a nightclub with a large lesbian and gay clientele, before a bomb exploded there in February. The man, who is wanted as a witness and not as a suspect, may or may not be the same person seen near the Sandy Springs abortion clinic bombed five weeks earlier, agents said. "We have no information that it's the same person. He was seen the night of the bombing in the club. He's a person that was recalled that we have not otherwise been able to identify," Jack Killorin, head of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Atlanta, said Oct. 2. In June, the task force released two computer-generated sketches, one of a hooded man with a dark complexion and another man with a full gray beard, both of whom were seen in the abortion clinic's parking lot before the bombing there Jan. 16. Upon seeing the earlier sketches, Otherside owners Bev MacMahon and Dana Ford recognized the resemblance to a bearded man they had seen in the bar in the weeks prior to the bombing. The new sketch – compiled from witnesses' accounts of the night of the bombing – also shows a man with a full gray beard, similar in appearance to the bearded man in the earlier sketches. Task force investigators have said they are almost sure the clinic and bar bombings are linked and are increasingly confident the same person or group is responsible for the explosion at Centennial Olympic Park in July 1996. A $500,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest in any of the incidents.



Investigators would like to speak to a man resembling this sketch in connection with the Otherside bombing.

COUNTY REMOVES ANTI-GAY ARTS STATEMENT

Guilford County, N.C., commissioners have voted to rescind language contained in an arts funding resolution that many complained was offensive to gays and arts patrons. The board decided Oct. 2, to retract language that mentioned the Greensboro United Arts Council's funding of a "project which promoted lifestyles and values clearly contrary to those of the majority of the taxpaying public." The project, staged by the Community Theatre of Greensboro, was a production of "La Cage aux Folles," a musical-comedy about a gay couple. Republican Commissioner Mary Rakestraw joined five Democrats in voting to strike the language, 6 – 4. Rakestraw originally supported the resolution. But after learning United Arts Council leaders believed it stifled the arts community's right to free speech, she promised to remove it.

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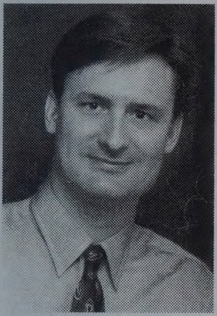

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Gay candidate pounds the pavement in Council race

by Rob Nixon

Atlanta - Attorney Malcolm Gideons has spent a lot of time walking the streets of his Grant Park neighborhood the last few years, a practice he's been extending in his campaign for the Atlanta City Council District 1 seat. Gideons, one of two openly gay candidates in this year's race (along with District 6's Cathy Woolard), has been going door-to-door throughout his district, which includes Grant Park, Ormewood, Carver Homes and a large portion of Southeast Atlanta.

"We've based this whole campaign on face-to-face contact, getting the message out personally," Gideons told Etcetera. "I don't think any mailer can buy that kind of exposure. It's a little more difficult, but I think it's more effective."

Gideons, a six-year Atlanta resident, started patrolling the streets of his neighborhood a few years ago to combat what he calls an epidemic of crime surrounding Glenwood Avenue, where he lives. With a flashlight in hand, he walked the streets from midnight to 5:00 a.m., questioning people he saw looking into cars or going behind houses.

"It was very effective; the crime stopped," he says. "But it's difficult to keep up those hours and work during the day. So I organized my neighbors and co-founded the Citizens Action Committee for Zone 3. More important, we started doing the Grant Park Marches Against Crime, targeting high crime areas and picketing things like crack houses to let it be known the community didn't want that here. But we heard things from the city like there weren't enough police to help us or that there could only be one patrol car in the area at night. I was frightened by the lack of ability we had to protect ourselves, and that's what drew me into this race."

Crime has been a major issue for Gideons, both as former public safety committee chair for the Grant Park Neighborhood Association and as its current president. In terms of strictly gay issues, Gideons says he doesn't see a "big, driving gay agenda" facing city council, but he would like to see domestic partnership policies strengthened and an executive order issued by Mayor Bill Campbell last December codified by law. Campbell's order requires major city contractors to have policies in place banning anti-gay job discrimination.

"I'd be out front in making sure a law like that was enforced and not just be a policy nobody follows," he says. "I'm also concerned that the city council a number of years ago set up a lesbian and gay public safety task force that no one on the council attends. If you're representing a district with a large gay population, you should be sitting in on those meetings and making sure the task force has teeth and isn't just paying lip service to gay voters and taxpayers."

The biggest advantage Gideons sees in electing an openly gay candidate, however, is "a feeling of accomplishment and acceptance

Candidate Malcolm Gideons (right) takes his campaign to his District 1 neighbors.

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on the public level." But like many gay candidates, Gideons has found that within his own community, he often has to overcome the extra scrutiny placed on him by gay people who want to know why they should vote for him just because of his sexual orientation.

"I think that came about because historically many gay candidates have run solely on gay issues," he reasons. "So we have to work harder. I just explain to people that I'm a neighborhood activist first – I just happen to also be gay."

Gideons said friends and volunteers have told him another candidate in the district has been putting out flyers and making phone calls attacking him because of his sexual orientation. But Etcetera has not been able to find any anti-gay campaign literature in that race, and one other District 1 candidate insists the issue is more black vs. white, rather than gay vs. straight.

"[Gideons] hasn't made an issue of [his sexuality] in this campaign, and I have no desire to either. The real issue is the black community needs to pull together," Joe Gadson told Etcetera. "The dilapidation, crime, prostitution and drugs in the southern part of this district is appalling. It looks nothing like Grant Park or Ormewood Park down here. It's been forgotten about. [U.S. Rep.] Cynthia McKinney has been pushing the hell out of Malcolm Gideons in the black community. We need an African-American from this sector who understands the problems here."

But Gideons insists that as the product of a single-parent household from "meager beginnings" in southern

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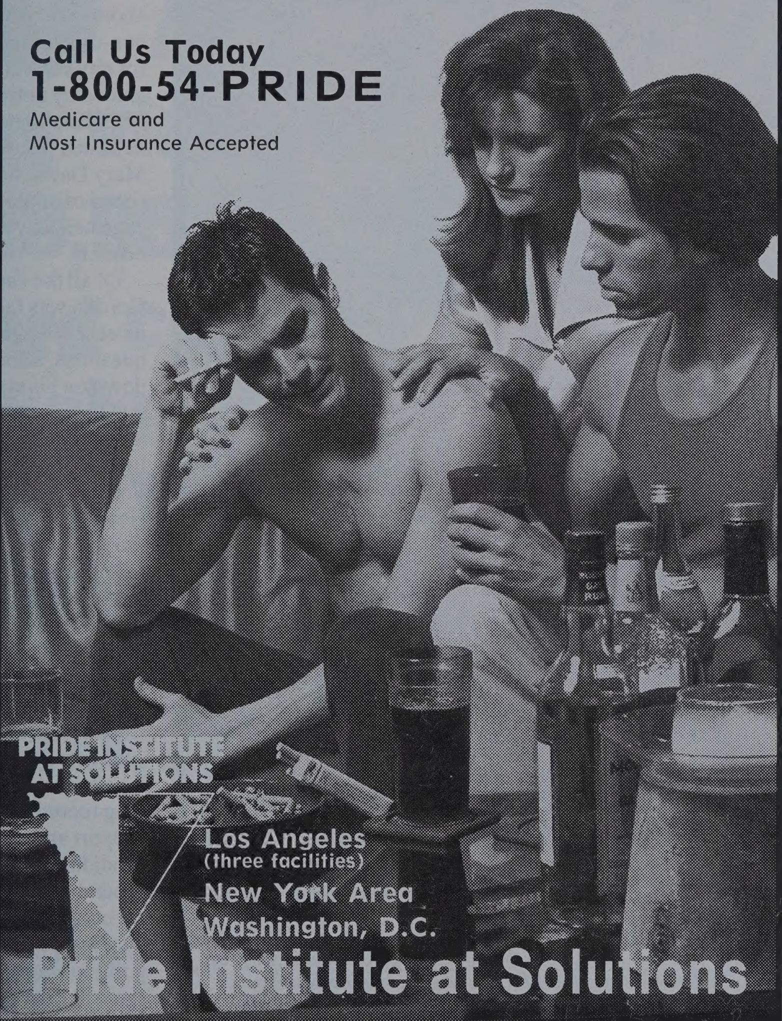

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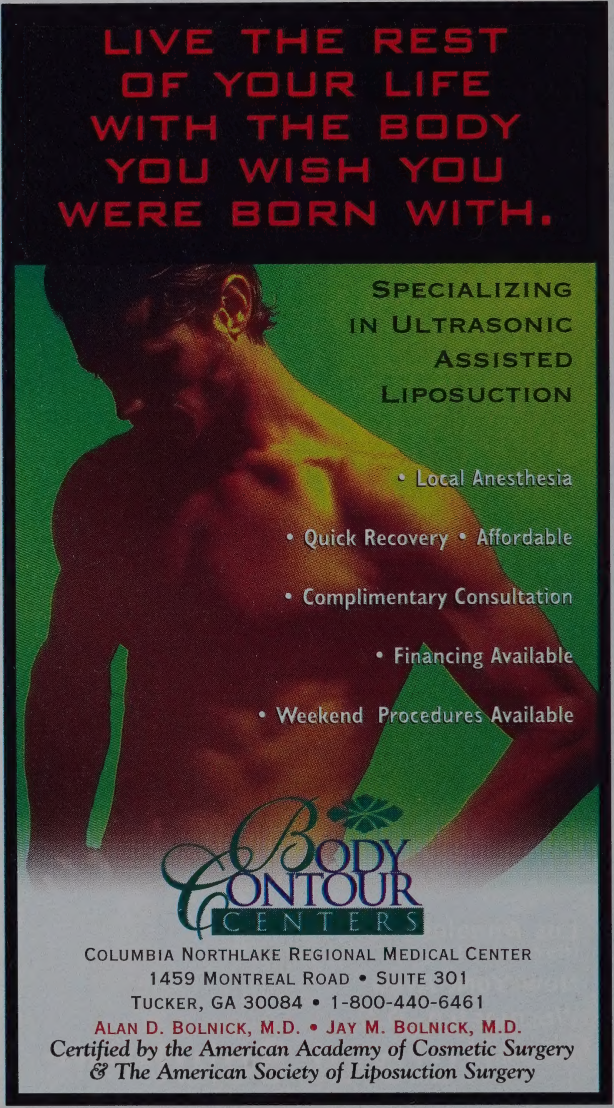
Alabama, his understanding of the difficulties of making ends meet and the importance of making a living wage is why local firefighters and municipal workers unions have endorsed his candidacy (along with the Georgia Equality Project, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and McKinney). He also feels economic issues play into the 100 percent rating given to the district's incumbent Council member, developer Vern McCarty, by the powerful business group Committee for a Better Atlanta.

"Sometimes our representatives aren't always independent. It's really a matter of whose interests you're trying to protect. The interests of this incumbent don't always serve his constituency," Gideons says, noting the general air of dissatisfaction with the current Council. "They have a 76 percent disapproval rating – higher than Newt Gingrich's! This election is an opportunity for new blood and new ideas."



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by an organization so sensitive to discrimination in a way that diminishes my commitment to the gay and lesbian community – I'm very disappointed and frankly I resent it." In its voter guide, GEP recognized Kelly's consistent support for gay issues but pointed out his reservations about codifying employment non-discrimination policies for city contracts." Kelly concluded by noting that he and other candidates in the district had been "tap-dancing on Mary Davis' head" and led a round of applause to acknowledge her 20-year record on the council.

Of all the candidates, Jon Gordon was faced with the most challenging barrage of questions, seeking to pin him down on his stated commitment to gay issues. The sometimes flustered Gordon denied links to the Christian Coalition, the Republican Party and Newt Gingrich but seemed most at a loss over a demand to know why he appears alone in a gay newspaper's campaign ad but with his wife in other publications.

The race between Davis and Woolard, however, has caused the most controversy among gays divided between loyalty to an incumbent with a long record of community support and an openly gay candidate with a strong background in activism and political organizing. Davis displayed her professional politico chops by taking the stage to loud cheers and

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applause from over a dozen of her supporters in campaign T-shirts and booming out her statement and answers in a manner reminiscent of a political rally.

"I got domestic partnership through City Council not one but three times, and I'm there ready to do it again. I am a powerhouse for you," Davis told the crowd, emphasizing her work on behalf of preventing both a highway through the district and a sewer plant in Piedmont Park and her record of neighborhood activism. "I have been an agent of change. Don't take a chance. Vote for Mary Davis."

"With all due respect to Mary, I remember those days when she stood up for us…but I haven't seen that representative in quite a number of years," Woolard said, answering a query about her neighborhood activism by stressing her political work on the city, state and national level. "I think I'm the future of this district."

Another note of contention arose between two of the candidates for mayor. Bishop S.F. Ma-Hee, lesbian and gay liaison for current City Council Pres. Marvin Arrington, spoke for the absent candidate, claiming she had developed the platform for Mayor Bill Campbell four years ago but that she switched sides because he had delivered on none of it. But during his allotted time, Campbell said Ma-Hee was only one of many campaign workers and did not develop policy or platform. He then listed his support of gay issues, including domestic partnership, AIDS housing, banning discrimination and being the first Atlanta mayor to officially proclaim, march in and speak at gay Pride.

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PROGRESS MUST CONTINUE

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When it comes to the upcoming local elections, gay men and lesbians in Atlanta are ready for a change in the current City Council. The current council is ineffective and has been unwilling to take on the big problems facing this city. It has been "business as usual" for too long. For example, it is absurd for the current council to take credit for beginning to clean up the sewers when they should have tackled the problem much sooner. Fortunately, we have an opportunity to choose from a field of willing, experienced and qualified candidates to replace the current council...and yes, some of the candidates happen to be gay.

I have heard many people say they would not vote for someone just because they are gay. Nor would I. However, the candidates I am familiar with, Cathy Woolard and Malcolm Gideons, have the experience, qualifications and willingness to serve. Check their records; it's there. I also do not believe we can find candidates with more integrity.

Gay men and lesbians have made much progress in this city - politically, socially and economically. We need to continue by electing gay candidates of whom we can be proud. Without this step we will only continue to be a special interest group in this city and state when we should be leaders in the political process.

Jeff Corrigan

THE FUTURE IS OURS, IF WE LET IT

Etcetera:

Gay men and lesbians in the City of Atlanta stand, once again, at a critical time in our history: looking toward our future. Recently Georgia Equality Project gave its endorsement to Malcolm Gideons and Cathy Woolard. Cathy is running in the Sixth District against Mary Davis, who has a history of support for the gay and lesbian community. Malcolm in District One is likewise running against an individual who at times has supported gay men and lesbians.

Anytime gay candidates of equal qualifications are running against an ally or perceived ally of our community the choice of who to support financially and with our vote has divided us. But when you take out the personalities and look at the individuals, you can see that the gay community can be very proud of two people who can serve all of Atlanta, and also just happen to be gay and lesbian.

The future of gay politics in Atlanta and in Georgia weighs heavily on these two individuals ability to get elected to City Council. We must realize that we will never win an election on the state or a federal levels until we accomplish the task before us, which is to elect Malcolm Gideons and Cathy Woolard.

It's not too late to send a check and, most importantly, to vote for Malcolm and Cathy.

Kelvin Lynn Cothren

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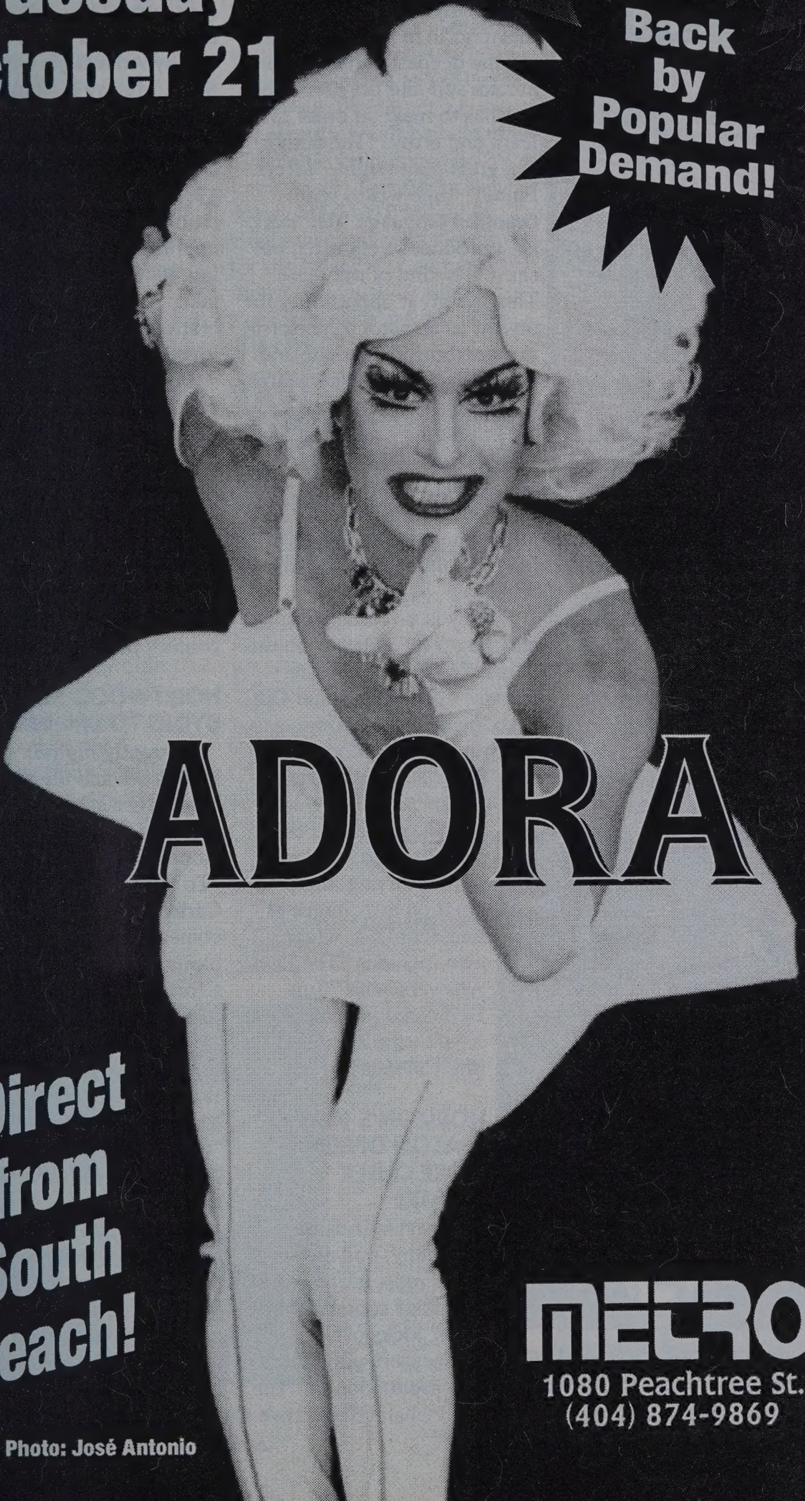

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HOMOPHILE

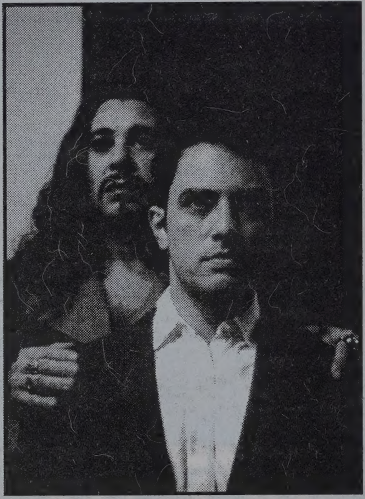
by David A. Moore

SEVEN STAGES TAKES A HEAD TRIP WITH "TANGO PALACE"

"This is a strange play to begin with," explains actor Don Finney. "Perhaps one of the most unusual I've done. It's been a good challenge."

Finney's role in Maria Irene Fornes's play "Tango Palace" is that of an androgynous clown named Isidore, who lives in a palace surrounded by antiques, masks, toys, costumes and swords.

When the youthful Leopold (Peter Ganim) first encounters Isidore he discovers someone who is joyful and full of surprises. Together the two take a whimsical journey of cultural discovery as Isidore teaches Leopold the tango and bull fighting. Despite the bond the two share, Isidore imprisons Leopold, refusing him exit from the strange surroundings of the palace.



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Peter Ganim (front) plays Leopold and Don Finney portrays Isidore in 7 Stages' "Tango Palace."

In many ways, the play is metaphoric in nature, examining the deepest corners of the human self and the sacrifices one has to make in order to learn and grow. "The author is a great playwright," offers Finney. "She writes with beautiful language. Her work isn't produced very often because it's kind of out there. This is a great opportunity for myself as an actor to perform in something she's done and for the audience to see a rare production.

"I think the play has a strong message about love and sacrifice that applies to everyone. Isidore eventually makes the ultimate sacrifice for Leopold because he loves him."

Finney is a veteran of such plays as "Tru" (Theatre in the Square") and "The Mystery of Irma Vep" (Theatrical Outfit). Co-star Peter Ganim, a long-time contributor to Actor's Express, most recently appeared in "Othello" (Georgia Shakespeare Festival). "Tango Palace" is part of an ongoing presentation at 7 Stages of one-act plays, which also includes "The Owl Answers" and "Sun Dedicated to Malcolm X" (see the Homoculture Calendar).

HORIZON'S NEW SEASON OFFERS MORE QUEER THEATRE

Horizon Theatre Company, one of the city's most prolific producers of contemporary plays, kicks off their new season with an encore production of "The Food Chain" Dec. 16 - Jan. 18. Glenn Rainey will again appear in the role of the overeating Otto, who obsesses on a former gay lover.

Gay Atlanta playwright Steve Murray continues his successful string of comedic dramas with "Cupid's Bones" at Horizon April 10 - May 17, 1998. The fourth presentation in the new season lineup, the play explores the healing, humor and heartache that takes place as friends celebrate the life of a departed loved one.

For the season finale, Horizon will present "Cowgirls" June 5 - Aug. 16, 1998. Written by Betsy Howie and Mary Murfitt, the former off-Broadway musical comedy tells the story of three classical musicians (one of whom is a lesbian) who are mistakenly booked to perform at a country music hall.

HOLLYWOOD STARS DYING TO DROWN

Currently big box office in New York and the topic of hot conversations on both coasts is the play "As Bees in Honey Drown." Penned by "To Wong Foo…" author Carter Beane, the winsome comedy focuses on the exploits of Alexa Vere de Vere, a former waitress who transforms herself into a mixture of practically every old film star and gay icon imaginable: Rosalind Russell in "Auntie Mame," Liza Minnelli in "Cabaret" and Audrey Hepburn in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Starring as Alexa in the New York production is J. Smith Cameron, but back in Hollywood, a number of big name divas have their eye on the part for the upcoming film version. Among them are Madonna, Mira Sorvino, Nicole Kidman and Whitney Houston. Beane's unsure just yet as to who may get the role, but he's delighted that the recently signed deal with Universal Studios has resulted in a gay producer, Dolly Parton's pal Sandy Gallin, being involved. "We're going to line up a director first and then decide on a star," Beane told the Advocate, "the way it should be done."

TURKEY WITH LEATHER PLEASE

The death of a longtime friend was enough inspiration to convince Stace DuVall that a Thanksgiving celebration for Atlanta's Leather Community could be positive way to bring people together. "He was a member of the gay and leather community," recalls DuVall. "His parents didn't accept him, and they didn't care when he died. There are many people in the leather community who are estranged from their families."

In an effort to provide an atmosphere of holiday camaraderie, DuVall and other members of Atlanta's levi/leather and S/M community will present the "Atlanta Leather Family Dinner," Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Mary Mac's Tea Room (224 Ponce de Leon Ave.). The gathering will take place in two private rooms beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the dinner a cocktail reception will be held at The Eagle (306 Ponce de Leon Ave.). Tickets for the dinner are $14. Funding is available to provide tickets for the financially compromised who wish to attend. For more information call 404-603-2233.

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J. Smith Cameron is Alexa Vere de Vere in "As Bees in Honey Drown."

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

This Week

friday 10•17

"Butch Camp"
Allesandro Degatano's comedy about a gay man coping with his difficult life stars Judy Tenuta and Paul Deniston.

"Fire"
Dramatic and touching Indian film (but you won't find any massive musical dance numbers here) about the passion shared between a married woman and her sister-in-law.

"Boogie Nights"
"Marky" Mark Wahlberg portrays '70s porn star Dirk Diggler in this film loosely based on the life of the late bisexual porn king John "The Wad" Holmes.

"All Women's Open Mic Night"
Women-only event offers you the opportunity to sing, dance, read poetry, play music and more. 7:30 p.m. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. 404-524-0304.

"The First Wives Club"
Comedy about three wives out to destroy their conniving ex-husbands. Interesting guest spot for Lea DeLaria. Stars Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton, along with Jennifer Dundas as her lesbian daughter. 11:00 a.m. HBO.

DeDe Vogt
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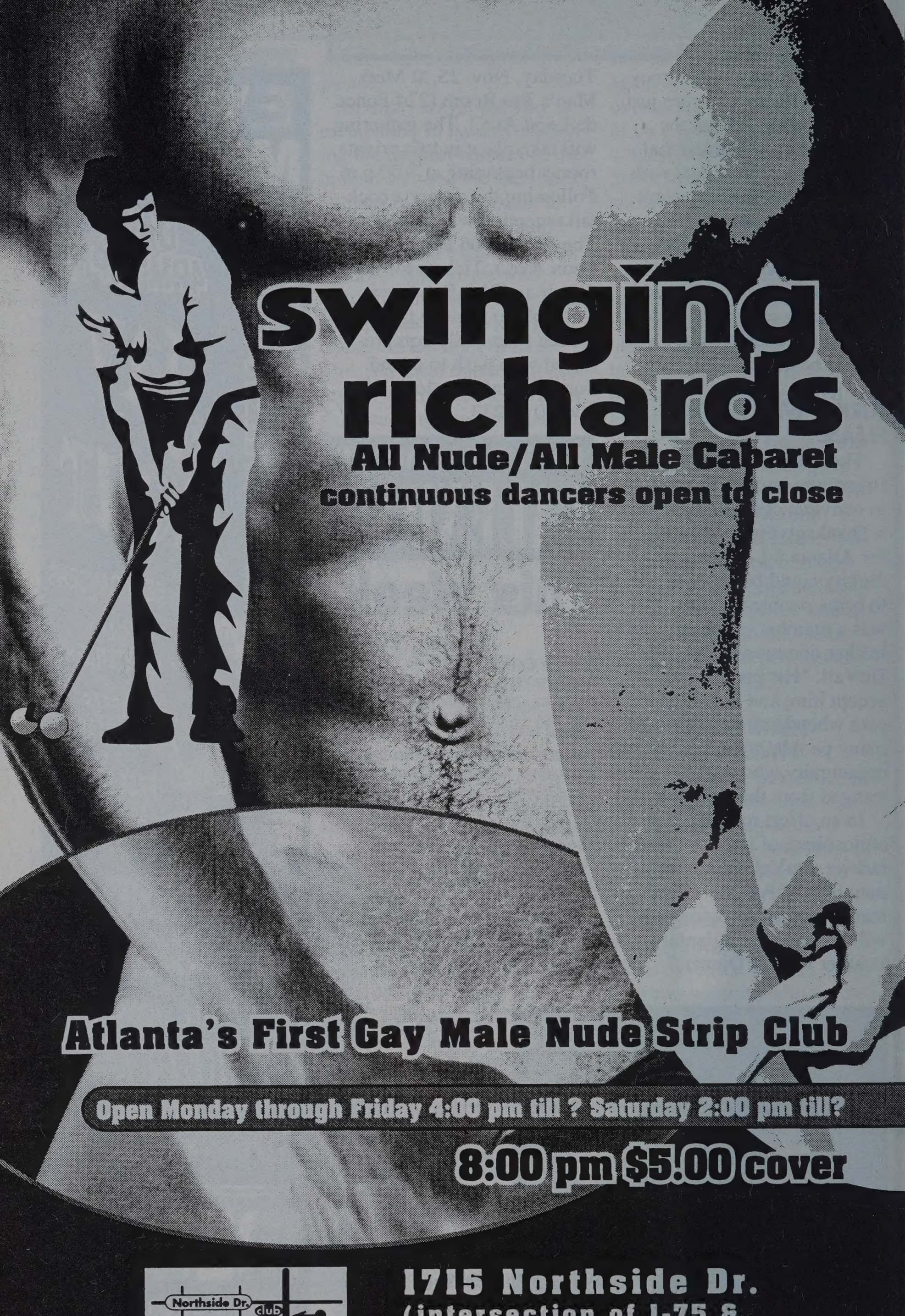

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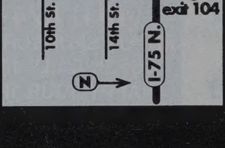

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AIDSWalk '97
Annual walk-a-thon to raise funds for various AIDS agencies. Opening ceremonies includes appearances by Mitchell Anderson ("Party of Five"), T.C. Carson ("Living Single") and Leon ("Waiting to Exhale"). Registration 12:00 p.m. Kick-off 1:00 p.m. Piedmont Park. 404-876-WALK.

Cowboy Envy
Cowboy western-swing band includes DeDe Vogt, Berne Poliakoff and Kathleen Hatfield. 5:30 p.m. Eddie's Attic, 515-B McDonough Ave., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

tuesday 10•21

Sonia
Popular former member of the duo Disappear Fear is now a solo act. Reelection benefit for City Councilperson Mary Davis. Reception 6:30 p.m. $10 – $50. 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. 404-523-7647.

wednesday 10•22

Angela Motter
Local legend. 10:00 p.m. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough St., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

Upcoming

saturday 10•25

"Celestial Clockwork"
A runaway bride ditches her fiance and wings it to Paris where she befriends a gay man and a lesbian psychiatrist. 8:00 p.m. Cinemax.

Diversity Out
Grand opening party. New gallery includes a major focus on gay- and lesbian-oriented art (and more) with works by Kimberly Robinson, Tim Wilkerson, John Nail, Alex Geigel, Ron DeNardo, Mike Voss, Von Nell, John Shultz, Amanda Southerlin, Raymond Veon, Byron Sokolik, Steve Butterbaugh, Michael Baker, Paul Asher and Jennifer Badeux. 6:00 p.m. Diversity Out Inc., Ansley Mall, 1544 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-8870.

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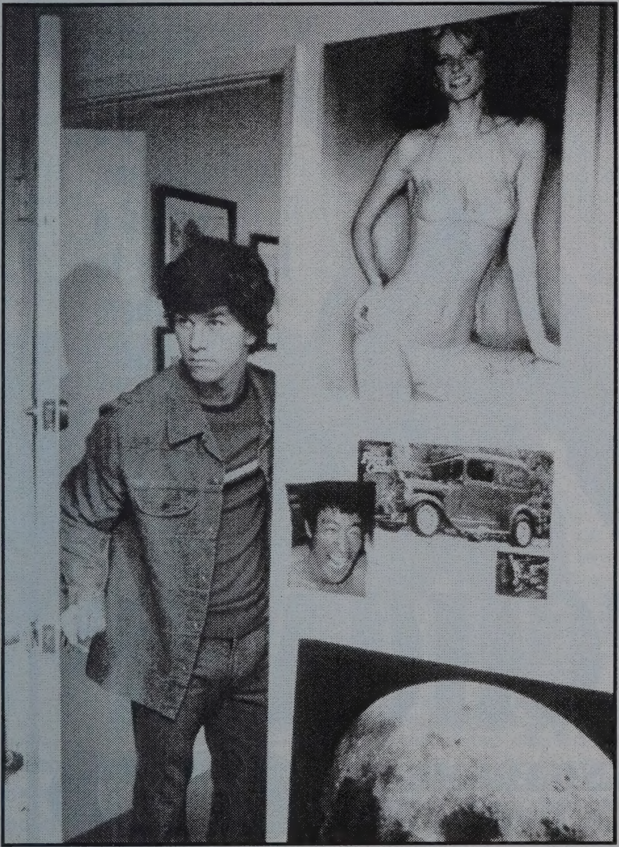

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wednesday 10•29

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saturday 11•1

"Tango Argentine"
Tango and Latin dance presentation includes work from gay artists and same-sex pairing. 8:00 p.m. $15. Beacon Dance Theatre, 515-A N. McDonough St., Decatur, Ga. 404-607-9148.

"Burnin' down the House in the Garden of Good and Evil"
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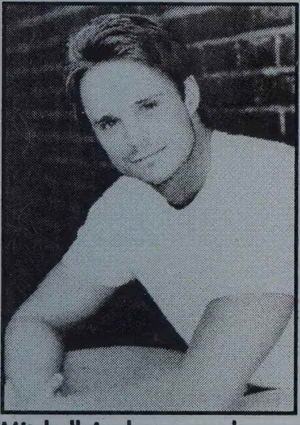

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"Tango Palace"
Play by Maria Irene Fornes is included in an evening of two other one-act plays. Psychological storyline focuses on a young man named Leopold (Peter Ganim) who is held captive in a palace by Isidore (Don Finney), an androgynous clown. Wednesday – Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday – Saturday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 5:00 p.m. $15 – $18. 7 Stages

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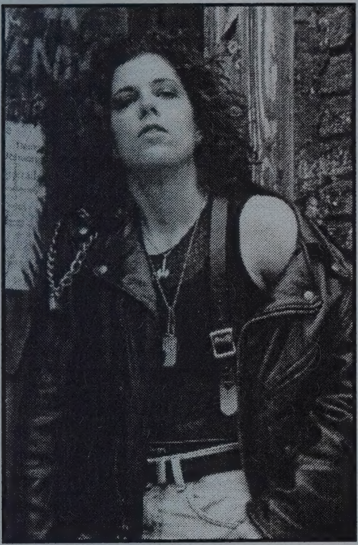

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"A Heart, a Home, the Nerve"
Exhibit exploring multiple artists' journeys towards self-discovery using kitchen matchboxes. Part of OutCharlotte '97. Blue Pony Gallery, 3202 N. Davidson St., Charlotte, N.C. 704-563-2699. Through 10•26.

"Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry"
Nationally touring exhibit by the Corcoran Gallery of Art visually examines individual perspectives on the emotional and collaborative experience of living and working in hospice environments. Much of the imagery is AIDS-related. Includes photography by Jim Goldberg, Nan Goldin, Sally Mann, Jack Radcliffe and Kathy Vargas. Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, 121 Barnhard St., Savannah, Ga. 912-232-1177. Through 10•26.

Robert Mapplethorpe
Exhibit of floral still life from the late gay photographer. Fay Gold Gallery, 247 Buckhead Ave. 404-233-3843. Through 11•4.

Larry Conatser
Exhibit of contemporary and often humorous works from the late Atlanta artist. Archer Locke Gallery 3157 Peachtree Rd. 404-812-9600. Through 11•8.

"Twenty Years of Wigs & Gigs"
Exhibit of B-52's wigs, photos and memorabilia. Georgia Music Hall of Fame, 200 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Macon, Ga. 912-750-8555. Through 11•25.

radio/tv

friday

"Alternative Talk"
Talk and music show surrounding issues of importance for Atlanta's African-American gay and lesbian community. Hosted by Rudy Carne. 6:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.7 FM.

"Nash Bridges"
Nash (Don Johnson) has a lesbian sister (Angela Dorhmann)! 10:00 p.m. CBS.

"The American Music Show"
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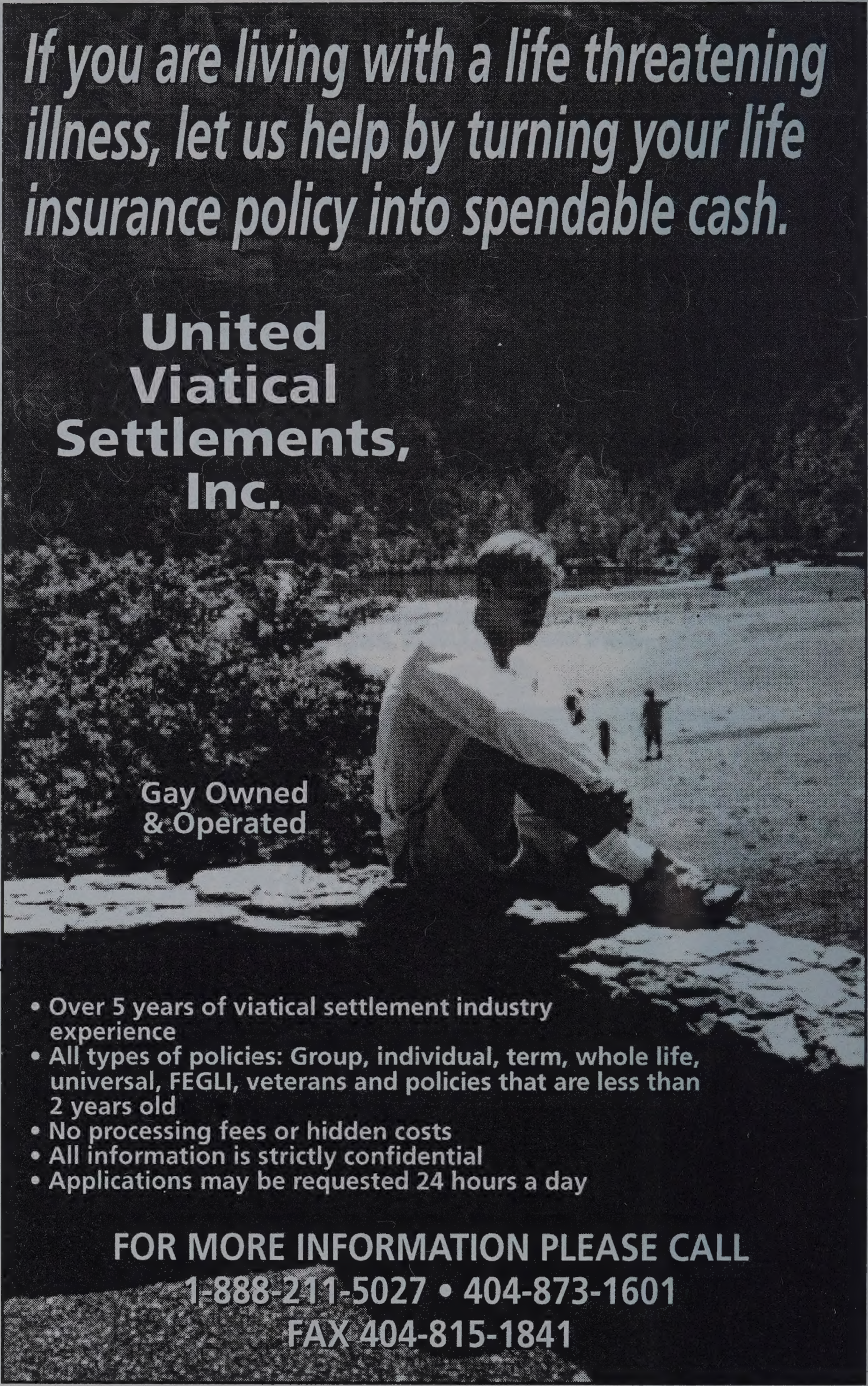

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Gay comic ANT still plays a recurring gay role as Barry Wallenstein. 8:30 p.m. WB.

"The Pleasure Dome"
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monday

"All My Children"
Soap opera focusing on the torrid lives of the mythical town of Pine Valley includes a gay teenager. 1:00 p.m. ABC.

"Fired Up"
Riches-to-rags comedy features a a recurring drag queen character named Ashley (Mark Davis). 8:30 p.m. NBC.

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Mod '60s variety show features Flip Wilson in drag as Geraldine. Monday – Friday 9:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30 p.m. TV Land.

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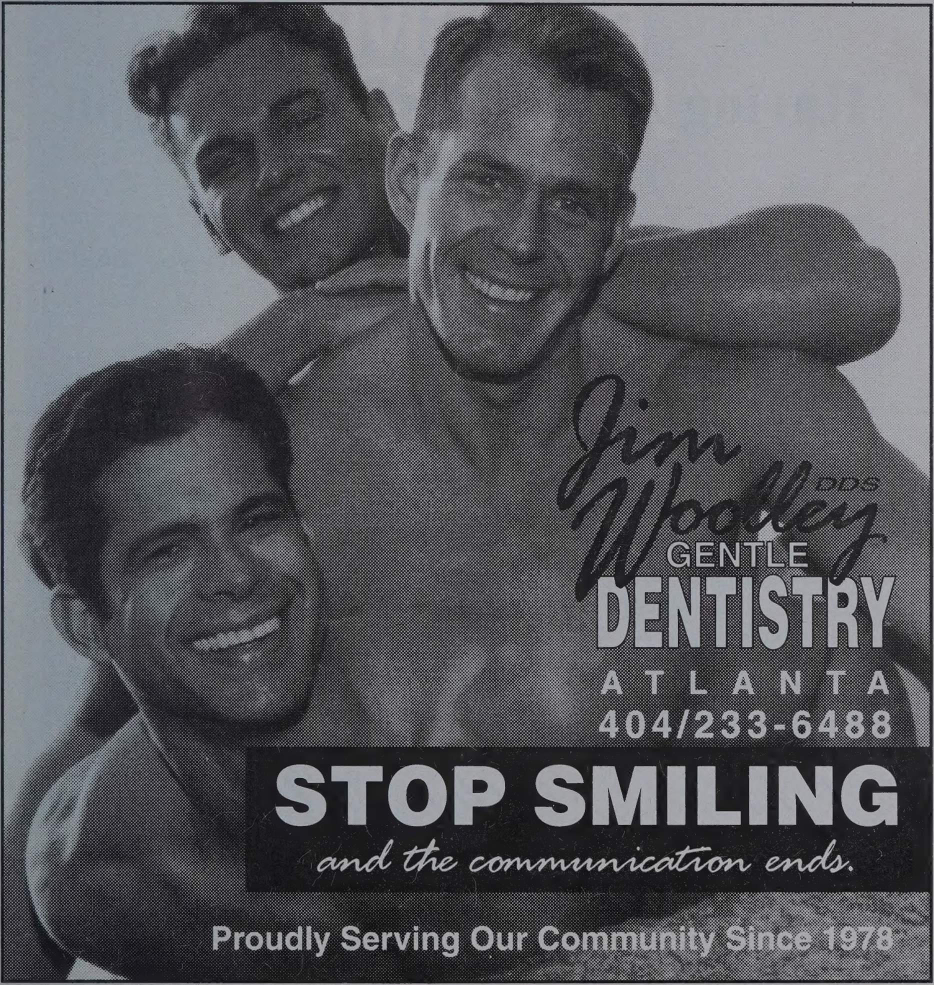
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"Frasier"
TV-station comedy now includes a gay recurring food critic named Gil Chesterton. 9:00 p.m. NBC.

"Head over Heels"
Comedy show about a dating service features gay actor Patrick Bristow ("Ellen") as a celibate bisexual male. 9:30 p.m. UPN.

"NYPD Blue"
Paige Turco plays a lesbian character named Abby Sullivan in this crime drama. 10:00 p.m. ABC.

wednesday

"Spin City"
Michael J. Fox sitcom features Carter, a gay activist character, played by Michael Boatman. 8:30 p.m. ABC.

"Party of Five"
Thought-provoking human drama series includes an occasional appearance by gay actor Mitchell Anderson as the gay character Ross. 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"Ellen"
Sitcom features TV's most famous lesbian, Ellen Morgan, played by openly lesbian Ellen DeGeneres. 9:30 p.m. ABC.

"The Real World"
"Real-life" show takes place in Boston with seven roommates living in a renovated Beacon Hill firehouse. Includes a 21-year-old lesbian resident named Genesis. 10:00 p.m. MTV.

thursday

"Gay Graffiti"
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"Friends"
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"413 Hope St."
Drama takes place in a New York City teen crisis center. Features an HIV-positive, gay, African American (Karim Prince). 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"Veronica's Closet"
Sitcom with Kirsty Alley about a woman who runs a "romance" merchandise company. Includes her gay-ish assistant Josh (Wallace Langham) who everyone thinks is gay, even though he doesn't ("In & Out" syndrome). 9:30 p.m. NBC.

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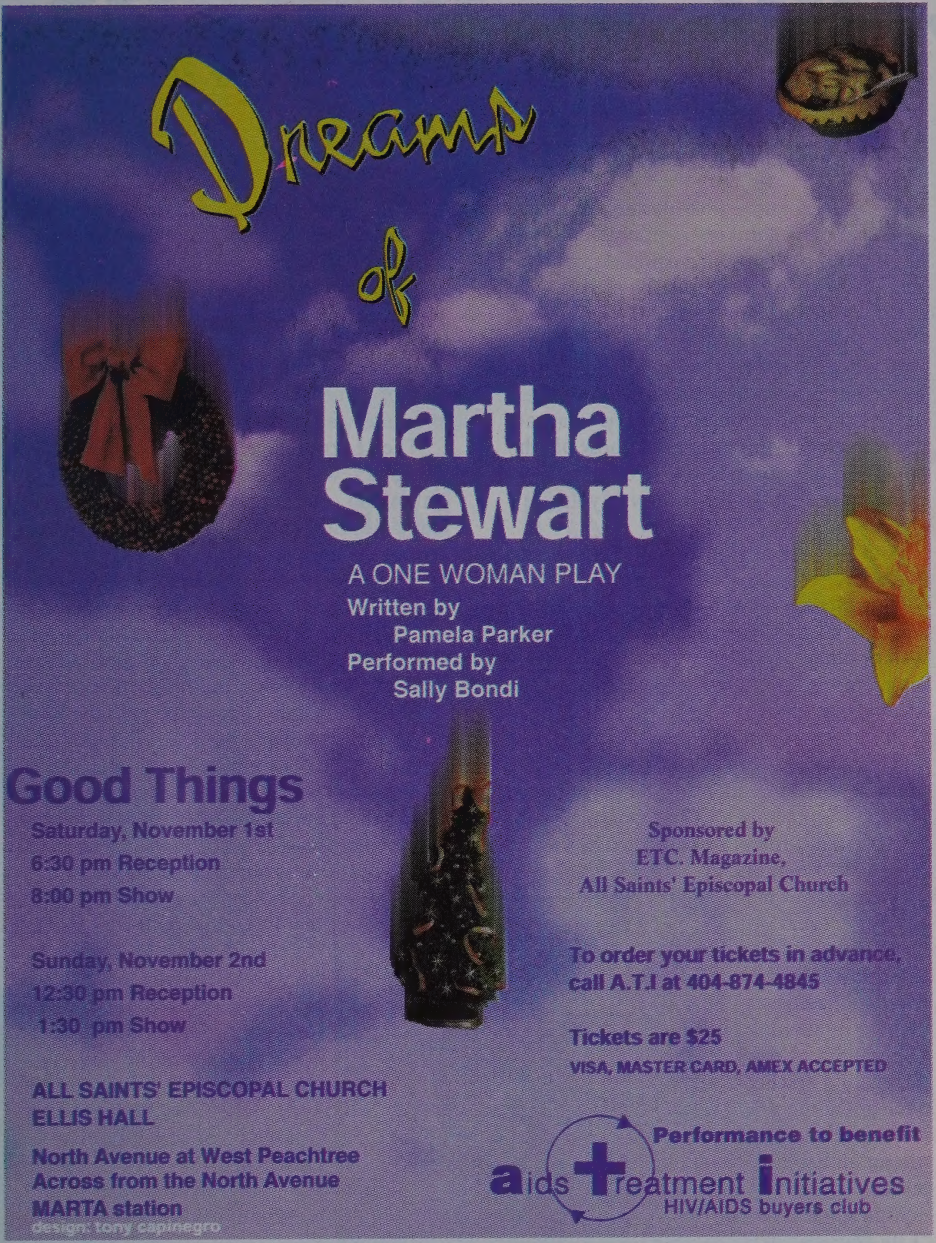

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I'm sick of faggots

Okay, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking (while you roll your eyes): "*Now* he's using his column to inflict us with his baby pictures. How *much* must we endure?"

It's true. This column - if my editor agrees - includes a picture of me in my high chair at about age 2. Now, considering that nasty queens are fond of telling me how unattractive some of my pictures are or how *old* the attractive ones must be, I do this at the risk of being accused of trying to appear younger yet.

And that's the point. Sort of. But I must digress.

This picture began to capture my attention a couple of months ago. I didn't have it on the wall or otherwise in view. But it kept entering my memory, haunting me like a dream image. I had no idea why until a few nights ago.

In retrospect, I realize that certain important but seemingly unrelated thoughts began to occur about the time the picture came to memory. I remember - I'm embarrassed to say so - that I found myself often saying, "I'm sick of faggots."

Now, I don't mean this in any very casual way. I mean that I really did begin to avoid reading about and discussing queer issues (to say nothing of avoiding writing this column.) I'm aware that this feeling reached a fever pitch about the time I interviewed Michelangelo Signorile for an Etcetera cover piece.

Signorile's new book, "Life Outside," is a conservative critique of the circuit party scene and its influence on gay sexual culture and masculinity roles. It appeared just after the publication of his former Outweek magazine boss Gabriel Rotello's "Sexual Ecology." The latter is a critique of queer promiscuity against the horizon of the AIDS epidemic. It argues that promiscuity, not the failure to use condoms, is at the heart of the epidemic's continuance. He urges the adoption of values that Signorile unashamedly promotes as small-town.

Then Larry Kramer jumped on the bandwagon in a few editorial pieces, taking their position, too - strident, as always, attacking at one point Edmund White for the sexual content of his newest book.

These three men, of course, were all earlier famous as queer revolutionaries, involved in ACT-UP, the founding of Queer Nation and the development of a school of queer advocacy journalism. Now - on this particular issue - they have begun to coalesce with the likes of Andrew Sullivan and Bruce Bawer, conservative writers they earlier openly despised.

Now, when I interviewed Signorile, I mentioned this new alliance, noting how sex criticism makes strange bedfellows. He objected but couldn't deny the irony.

Signorile was here to speak at the Pride rally, and he asked me if I would be there. That's when I recall first saying, no, I'm sick of faggots and would be leaving town for the weekend.

To my surprise he said, "Yeah, I'm sick of faggots too."

We - two faggots - got quite an uneasy laugh out of that. And I said: "You know, this is all about the queer body. I'm not comfortable with your perspective." I was polite. In fact, I immediately suppressed my feelings. Then the picture of me as a two-year-old began to surface.

What else was going on about

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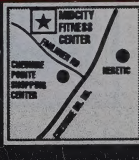
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then? On the Internet, I kept running into queer hypocrites. I'm talking about the kind of moralists who shake a puritanical finger at you with one hand and jerk off with the other.

In Los Angeles, I went to dinner with a friend and met Antonio Sabato. I had no idea who he was. I just knew that a very pale and beautiful man came over to our table to talk to my friend – to complain that their shared massage therapist had moved out of town. Walking back to my hotel, I looked up in the sky and saw the same man's super-buff image looming over me on a billboard. Then I realized that I'd just met a heterosexual icon of queer culture. He looked rather like one of my uncles when I was a kid.

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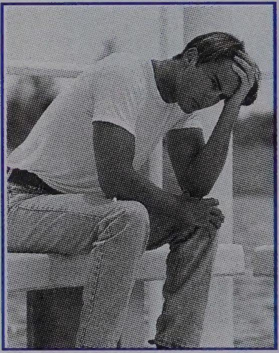

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At night, as I fell asleep, this young image of myself – and others, particularly of me with my father – arose in my mind. It is odd to me that, looking at it now, I didn't take the actual photograph out sooner. I only did that a few nights ago, when a client happened to give me a copy of a Lingua Franca article on the odd alliance, against "promiscuity," that has formed among queer journalists like Rotello and the opposition which they've met from queer theorists in academia.

As I read the article, I felt myself finally giving vent to the feelings I'd suppressed when I interviewed Signorile and during countless conversations with friends who claim Rotello's book is "flawlessly argued." It's related to an argument I've had with my own partner, a public health scientist in HIV prevention with the CDC.

Sex for gay men is not just recreation and pleasure. It is *always* an act of coming out, of defiance, of connecting with another who has been banished from society's acceptance. We are a community of people cast into isolation by the taboo impulses of the queer body and, right or wrong, sex has been loaded with existential and relational meanings that it lacks for mainstream heterosexuals who have other forms of glue in their lives.

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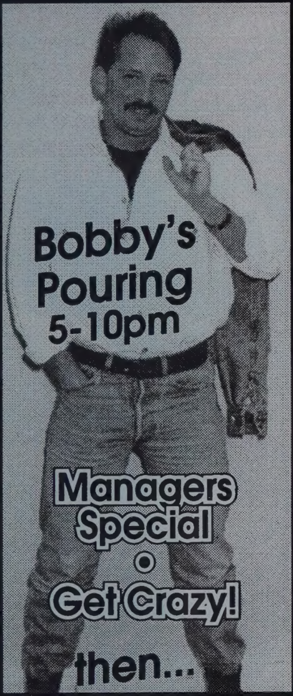

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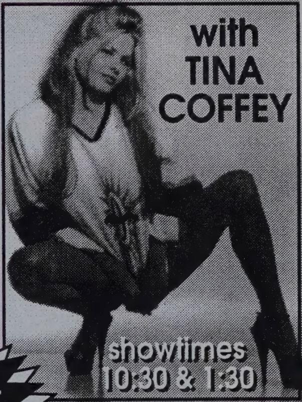

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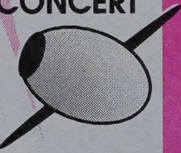

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erotic drive is to deny one's existence and one's social locus for many people. Rotello is right that you can't change that with the technological fix of a condom, but one suspects his assumption that it requires repair is motivated by a moral prejudice as much as by his "ecological" and ethical concerns. (Revolutionaries, of course, almost always have a puritanical streak.)

I don't make these observations to pose a solution – only to note the conflict's deep roots.

So, after reading the Lingua Franca article, I tried to go to sleep and the image of this photograph possessed me again. Finally, I got up (at three in the morning) and dug it out. Its meaning in the present context became pretty clear.

This is the near-infant face of pre-sexual pleasure. It *looks* like a contemporary baby queer to me: clean-cut, from my haircut to my effusive grin (my uncle had put an ice cube in my hands). I know it sounds ridiculous, but to my psyche, this image possesses exactly the character I see Rotello and Signorile advocating – a kind of infantilized condom for the psyche, regression to the past, reabsorption back into the bosom of the family before we became differentiated by our mortal otherness as queers in a dangerous world, or, in present time, absorption into the mainstream's values, the '50s small town of (required) monogamy and rhubarb pies. Gosh and golly, let's all get clean-cut.

No, too much is written on the queer body for that to happen to all of us. Perhaps the lesson here is that our *otherness* is a given. In that case, I suspect that if we don't find a way to accommodate the death-flirting impulse of the erotic, many will continue to sacrifice themselves to the virus in order to retain the radical locus of queer identity outside the circle of conventionality.

This need to totalize and prescribe roles for everyone (whether as marriage-minded monogamist or chaotic sex-radical) is why I feel sick of faggots. Most of us are just trying to make our way in a complicated world that makes love very difficult.

But it's true that my deepest sympathies drift (uneasily) toward the radical perspective. Yes, you may have the cutest little baby face, but your body's still queer. ▼

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Midnight in the Garden of The Lady Chablis

by Jim Farmer

Throughout her career, The Lady Chablis has always gone after what The Lady Chablis *wanted*. So when Clint Eastwood signed on to direct the film version of John Berendt's best-seller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," which features the performer, and started casting the film, The Lady Chablis knew no one else could fill her shoes.

The Lady Chablis and John Cusack in Clint Eastwood's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.

"I'm a living person, and there's no other like me. Who else could play me?" she said. A year and a-half ago, while Lady Chablis was in Los Angeles, she jumped at the chance to meet with Eastwood's camp. Although the director wanted her to do a screen test, she balked (later telling Eastwood that if he wanted to see her perform, he could get one of her cassettes or come to one of her shows.) Eventually, though, she got the part, putting to rest rumors that the role would go to Diana Ross or to Angela Bassett. "They both rallied for it, as well as some others, but I think it was a given that the role would be given to me," Chablis said.

"I told Mr. Eastwood that if he wanted to get himself an Academy Award nomination, he had better cast me. As for me, I'm going to win Best Actress and Best Actor."

Chablis, the female impersonator who for years performed in Atlanta and in Savannah before becoming a household name with the publication of "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," was certainly happy to add actress to her ever-expanding resume. Reached by phone at her Columbia, S.C., office and home (where she greets callers with the line "Hello, this *is* the Grand Empress,") Chablis is eager to discuss with Etcetera the film and her upcoming plans.

She felt very positive about nabbing the role once she met and hit it off with director Eastwood. "Meeting Clint was like going home and meeting your boyfriend's daddy. He was a perfect gentleman. He was filming 'Absolute Power' at the time and introduced me to the cast. When he offered me the part, I thanked him for his courage, because he didn't know if I could act. He told me afterwards it would not be my last movie," Chablis said.

The filming lasted almost ten weeks, starting in May of this year, with exteriors shot in Savannah and the interiors in Hollywood. Like most film adaptations, though, some of the book had to be left out. "Obviously some of the book had to be cut. The movie is based more on the trial. But some material has been added. In the book, I didn't have much to do with the trial, but in the movie I do," Chablis said. Altogether, she has eight scenes, including one of the famous Debutante Ball.

In the film version, Oscar-winner Kevin

Spacey takes on the role of Jim Williams, the gay antiques dealer put on trial for shooting his lover, while John Cusack is journalist John Kelso. In the movie, Kelso's character has a girlfriend, played by Eastwood's daughter Alison.

Chablis has not seen the finished product, but will be in Los Angeles for the star-studded premiere Nov. 17. The movie opens nationwide Nov. 21.

Initially, according to Chablis, a lot of the crew were uncomfortable with her. "There was a lot of whispering and mumbling the first few days," but eventually Chablis charmed them. "By the time filming was almost over, the crew was tight.

"In my [show] monologue I usually have audiences say, 'Hey Bitch.' That's a compliment to me. One day I was PMSing and Clint and everyone else knew it, and all at once they yelled 'Hey, Bitch.' Near the end of the filming, Clint would come up to me and say 'Come and sit on daddy's lap.'"

On the set Cusack and Eastwood's daughter Alison apparently had their own romance, although Chablis jokes that both she and Alison were vying for the actor's attention.

Although she didn't get a chance to work much with Spacey, she did get to know him and is very unhappy with the recent Esquire magazine, which outs the actor. "To me, it was rude and trashy. It was right out of the National Enquirer. If you're going to point the finger, go ahead and do it. I have no idea and don't care what Kevin's sexual orientation is.

"However, I do feel that today, if Ellen can come out, it is the perfect opportunity for anyone. I tried to live my life secretly for a while, but now that it's out, it's a weight off my shoulder," she said.

A minor "to-do" occurred this summer when Lady Chablis was asked to attend Atlanta's gay and lesbian Pride celebration. At the last moment, however, she was called to Los Angeles to complete some reshoots. "It was basic stuff, like shots from other angles. I had to make a decision, to show up for Pride or do this. I chose the filming, because I wanted to make the role perfect, and make sure everyone could be proud of this."

By now, though, Chablis should be used to running with the stars. Years ago when Demi Moore was filming "Now and Then" in Savannah, the two hit it off and have remained close.

"She caught my show one night and everyday after we were together. We would go out dancing and shopping. She didn't show me the movie star. She showed me the mother, the friend, the party girl, the girlfriend. She paid me to do the wrap party for the movie," said Chablis.

She also hung with "Now and Then" costars Melanie Griffith (who kidded Chablis

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that then-hubby Don Johnson had a crush on her) and Rita Wilson and her husband Tom Hanks. Rosie O'Donnell was also on the set, but Chablis found her "frosty."

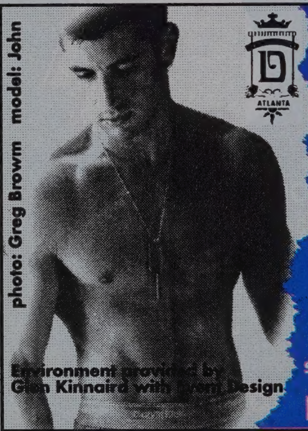
Last year Lady Chablis' biography "Hiding My Candy" came out, chronicling her turbulent childhood years (born Benjamin Edward Knox in Quincy, Fla., she soon realized she was not like everyone else), her beginnings as a female impersonator and her problems with drugs and run-ins with the law before her big break performing in clubs in Atlanta and Savannah.

One thing Lady Chablis bristles at is the notion that she is a "drag queen." "I do not like that phrase. It's offensive. I don't like to be labeled. Only your parents can label you. I prefer to think of myself as a female impersonator," she said.

Despite her notoriety, Chablis claims that little has changed since she became famous. "I travel more. I have more bills. Honey, you should see my cellular phone bill. Also, there are a lot more expectations. I'm a role model, and I don't want to be that.

"I do get letters from kids and elderly people, and visitors from different countries come to see me. It's much harder to socialize because everybody *recognizes* me these days."

As The Lady Chablis will tell you, though, it's hard to keep a good girl down. With the success of "Hiding My Candy," she has sold the book



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rights to a film company. In a few weeks she will be flying to New York to do a small part in Mike Meyer's comedy film about Studio 54. She has also signed with the William Morris Agency, will be emceeing a celebrity wedding (she is reluctant to give out details) and is still doing shows at Club One in Savannah and at conventions and private parties. She is also thinking of opening a restaurant (think Planet Hollywood, with the Chablis signature.). On Nov. 1, Lady Chablis will be hosting "Burnin' down the House in the Garden of Good and Evil," a benefit for PALS (Pets Are Loving Support) in Atlanta. Of course, she can't divulge what she will be wearing, but does promise a grand entrance.

> **"As for me, I'm going to win Best Actress and Best Actor."**

"I'm happy; my health is good; traveling is fun; I'm still engaged. But there's nothing grand about me. I still have chipped fingernails and am the same person I always was. God has blessed me, and I'd like to be able to open doors for others and help those who helped me get where I am."

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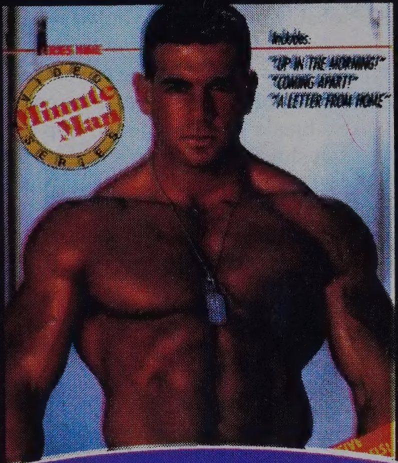

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ASTRAL PROJECTIONS .... by Ava Voorhis

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* You may be a tad more introspective than usual this week, but birthdays always have a way of bringing that out. This is the time to plan out the next year of your life. You're much more likely to stick to it now. This isn't the time to beat up on yourself. Simply acknowledge what you've accomplished and what you would like to accomplish, and get on with it.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Don't ever resort to a life of crime, because one particularly evil event from your past has your fingerprints all over it! If you're confronted this week, go ahead and own up to it. This is the time to start over and leave those evil deeds from the past behind you.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* One of the oddest things about life is that sometimes when we don't get what we think we want, we wind up getting something even better! While you're railing at the universe for letting you down, try opening your eyes. You have a wonderful gift right in front of you, if you'll only stop to look at it.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Watching a friend mess up his or her life is never easy, and this week you'll watch in utter amazement as a friend manages to do just that. So what can you do? Probably not much, if you've already offered a few gentle words of advice. Sometimes people just have to find out the hard way.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* The travel bug is biting you again, because heaven knows that free spirit of yours can never be contained. Are odd people showing up on your doorstep? Take a break; get out of town; stop the madness! The wheels in your head never stop spinning, but slowing them down is a good thing right now.

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* If you're learning a new hobby, you probably find yourself getting frustrated by it all right now. Just remember, when you're most frustrated is usually the point right before you make a major breakthrough, *so hang in there*. You've never exactly been gentle with yourself, and the truth is you're doing much better than most. *Relax....*

ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* You've got a new schedule these days, and it's keeping you out of the trouble you used to get into. Now you're no doubt finding new trouble! Your *mischievous nature* is in full swing, and you're enjoying life to the fullest. Good for you.

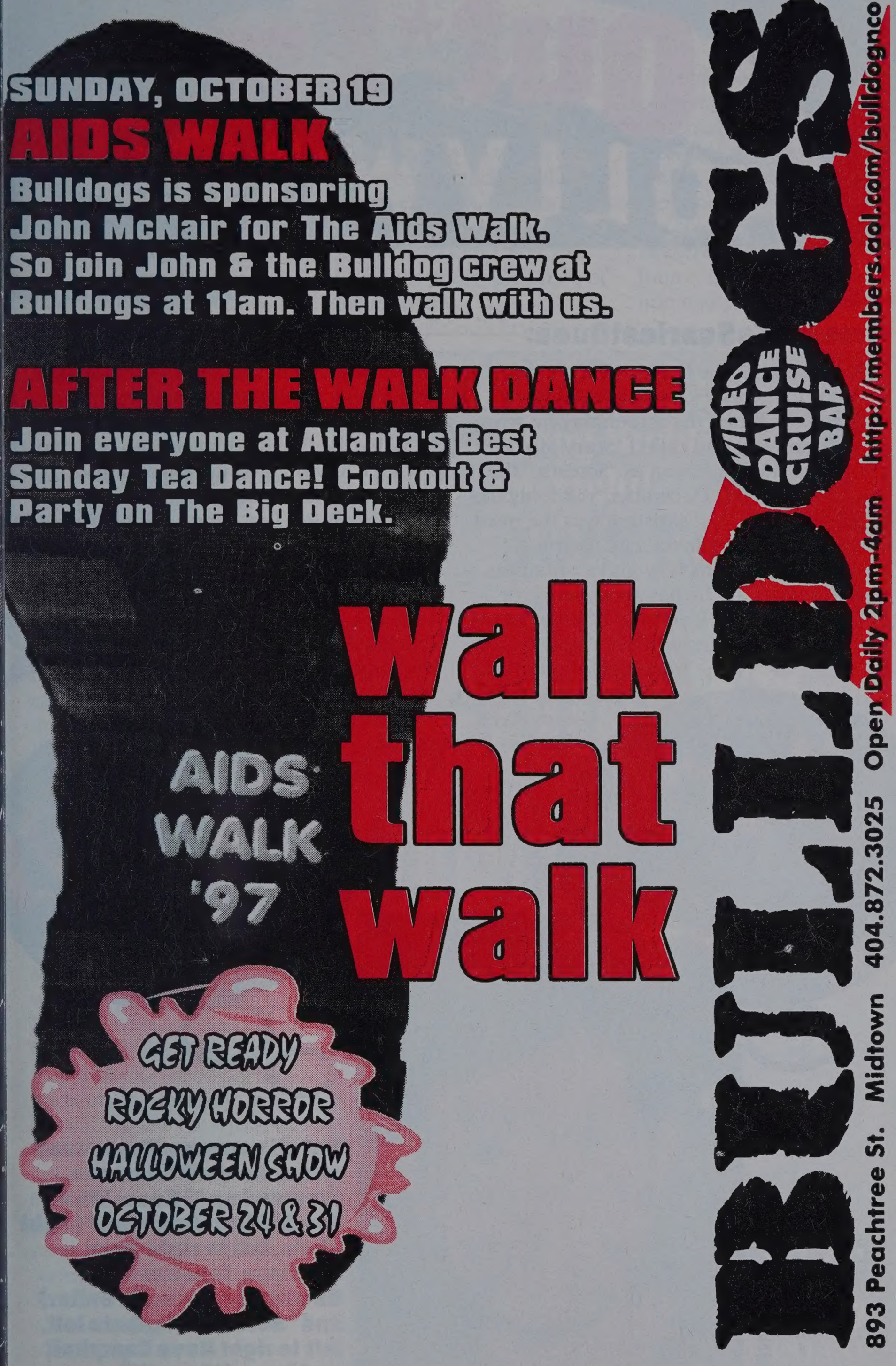
TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* Can you say "headgame"? Your emotions are swinging all over the place these days as someone who knows you only too well is manipulating them. You have every right to be angry, but your guilt may be stopping you. Get some time alone to sort out what you really feel and stop listening to what others say.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* You can't expect others to read your mind, so if you're not voicing your needs and they're not being met, then don't waste your time getting mad. Instead, learn some communication skills. It's no fun for others to have to guess what's going to make you happy. Make it easier for us, okay?

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* Sometimes you walk through life feeling like you're wearing your parents' clothes, and it's obvious to all that you're just make believing you're an adult. But guess what? This time you're really acting in ways that show you're growing, and that's what life is really all about. It doesn't mean you have to stop playing dress up, but now the clothes fit better.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Wow, it doesn't take too long at all for you to create some *serious* drama in the lives of those around you, does it? Sometimes your propositions are a little too free, and although saying what's on your mind is usually a good thing, there's also a time when it's best to keep your jaw shut. Start practicing.

VIRGO *(Aug, 22 – Sept. 22)* You may have hit a moody patch lately, but it will pass, as it always does. The best thing you can do for yourself right now is keep busy. The less time you have to brood over life, love, the universe and navel lint, the better off you will be.



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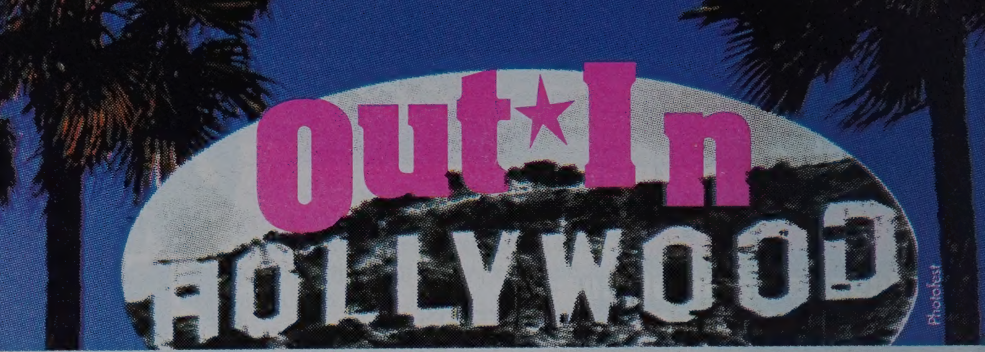
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Out★In HOLLYWOOD

by: Paige Turner

America's Scariest Queer

Forget Ellen. The hottest Hollywood homo right now is screenwriter Kevin Williamson. When the screenplay he wrote in a single weekend called "Scary Movie" made it to the big screen as "Scream," the surprise hit of last December, suddenly the former Tinsel-Town assistant was the most sought-after writer in the city. Before "Scream 2" scares its way into a multiplex near you Dec. 12, he has another horror epic ready to knock you out of your seat this weekend. "I Know What You Did Last Summer" follows four teenagers who get involved in a hit-and-run accident and then suffer the consequences when they are stalked by a killer the following summer.

While the film is admittedly an homage to some of Kevin's favorite horror films, including "Halloween" and "The Fog," he also throws in a few curves for the homos in the audience. For instance, in "I Know…" it is the high school jock boy who ends up taking a shower when the killer is after him, instead of the usual teenage girl. Of course it helps that the jock is played by Ryan Phillippe, who was last seen in Gregg Araki's "Nowhere" but is

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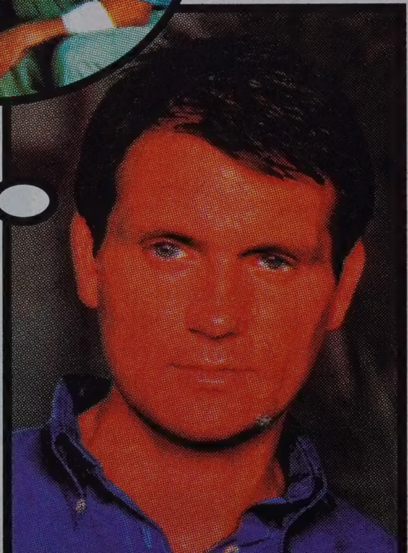
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Not all screams: Gay screenwriter Kevin Williamson dreamed up "I Know What You Did Last Summer," (right photo, left to right Ryan Phillippe, Jennifer Love Hewitt and Michelle Gellar) and "Scream 2" (photo left, left to right Neve Campbell and Jerry O'Connell).

probably best remembered for his doe-eyed performance in the boys-in-wet-underwear epic "White Squall." The sexy young actor can also be seen in the upcoming feature film "Studio 54" about the omnisexual nights at New York's infamous 1970s nightclub.

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" also stars Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Party of Five") and Sarah Michelle Gellar (TV's "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer"). Gellar also has a role in "Scream 2," but like most of the cast and crew, she has been sworn to secrecy about the plot. When I interviewed her, she gushed about working with Kevin and would only say that she plays a sorority girl in the highly anticipated sequel.

Kevin also refused to divulge too much of the new film except to say that the head of Miramax, Bob Weinstein, squirmed with delight during a recent screening and declared as the lights came up at the end, "Fuck the Titanic" (in reference to the big budget feature being released the week after "Scream 2").

Since "Scream" opened, it seems that Kevin has been working around the clock. He is next set to direct his first film "Killing Mrs. Tingle," a black comedy in the tradition of "Heathers," his favorite movie. He wrote the outline for the next "Halloween" installment (with input from returning star Jamie Lee Curtis) as well as created a new WB television series called "Dawson's Creek." The new show has conservative parents squirming in their seats over the frank sexual discussions between the 15-year-old cast members.

With all of these projects going, Kevin is definitely on a hot streak. So hot in fact, he just signed a new multi-picture deal with Miramax (estimated to be worth an unprecedented $20 million), which easily makes the handsome (and newly buff) 29-year-old filmmaker Hollywood's undisputed man of the moment.

Anne's Baby Makes Three

Anne Heche has recently been making news on the maternal front. In an interview this month with TV Guide, her partner Ellen DeGeneres declared that the couple would like to become parents in the near future. Ellen did not mention many details except to

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say that the 28-year-old Anne would likely carry the baby. Is it clever publicity or just incredibly good timing? Gay producer Scott Rudin ("In & Out") just announced that he had cast Anne as (you guessed it) a pregnant woman in the upcoming feature film "A Simple Plan." Based on the novel by Scott Smith, the film stars Anne as the pregnant wife of Bill Pullman (ironically, Ellen's costar in her 1996 box office dud "Mr. Wrong").

Hollywood seems undeterred by Anne's new sexuality since this will be her third heterosexual romantic lead role since coming out as Ellen's girlfriend. Anne is currently wrapping up work on "Six Days, Seven Nights" with Harrison Ford before beginning work on "Force Majeure" in November opposite Vince Vaughn. "A Simple Plan" will likely begin production at the beginning of 1998, with a release into theatres that fall.

Hollywood Rating System Gets Bent

Boldly going where other gay-themed films have sadly gone before, MGM has accepted an NC-17 rating from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) for the screen adaptation of Martin Sherman's searing drama "Bent." "The material is, by nature, graphic and controversial," MGM Distribution President Larry Gleason stated in defense of the film, adding: "To tell this story without portraying the era honestly and with integrity would compromise the power of the film."

Set in Nazi Germany in the 1930s, "Bent" is the story of a forbidden gay relationship in a concentration camp. Ironically, the first movie to receive an X rating (openly gay director John Schlesinger's Oscar-winning "Midnight Cowboy") and the first movie to receive the revised NC-17 rating ("Henry and June"), both contained prominent gay storylines, which prompted the controversial ratings. While the new rating will discourage some newspapers from advertising the film, it is unlikely that anyone interested in the story would be deterred by the NC-17 label. "Bent," which features cameos by Mick Jagger and Sir Ian McKellan, is due to be released in theaters later this year. ★

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OUT AT THE MOVIES

"Fire"

Since its release in 1996, Deepa Mehta's third feature film, "Fire," has been described by critics as a story about "forbidden love" that "breaks taboos" and "challenges Indian social traditions." In other words, critics describe "Fire" with all the catch phrases that one might expect for a film that features a sexual relationship between two Indian women characters.

These descriptions are not unwarranted. Set in New Delhi, "Fire" features India's preeminent actress Shabana Azmi as Radha, a childless and dutiful housewife, long-married to the celibate Ashok. When the younger sister-in-law Sita enters the household, the two women fall in love and begin to question the social constrictions on their lives. Stifled by middle-class propriety, Indian traditions and their duties to their husbands and aging mother-in-law, the women's passion for one another shakes the foundations of family, marriage and Indian womanhood.

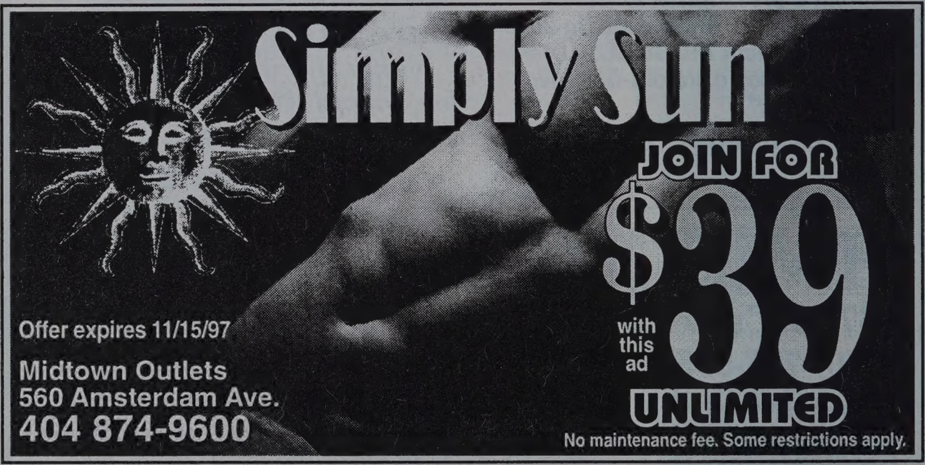
However, the film's portrait of lesbianism is neither simply another story of forbidden love, nor is it solely a critique of the sexist and heterosexist roles that circumscribe Indian women's lives. What Mehta has achieved is the creation of a new cultural myth about love and passion between women.

In Indian religion, the Goddess Sita is Ram's unjustly-accused wife. In parallel, during the film Radha undergoes a test of purity, a trial by fire. Mystically, she survives it. By revising this heterosexual cautionary tale as a lesbian love story, "Fire" immortalizes Radha, and she takes her place alongside her lover Sita within a pantheon of cultural and religious heroines.

While "Fire" is the revision

Dilip Mehta

The relationship between sister-in-laws Radha (Shabana Azmi, left) and Sita (Nandita Das) heats up and moves beyond family bonds in Deepa Mehta's "Fire."



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of a cultural myth, it is also the revelation of a pre-existent possibility for sexual love and desire between women. Like the young Radha who envisions an ocean just beyond a field of flowers, "Fire" reveals how sexual desire between women is made possible within the everyday context of an Indian household. The trick is in simply looking at what is already there. As Mehta suggests, her inspiration for "Fire" stemmed from her mother's experiences of an arranged marriage, her feelings of isolation and the ways Indian women support and comfort one another within the home. In "Fire," the sexual passion between Radha and Sita becomes a natural outcome of the social bonds that are made necessary for their daily emotional survival.

Finally, "Fire" envisions a universal familiarity for lesbian desire. The desires that Radha and Sita experience in their relationship are not unlike those of the men in their lives. Ashok creates a perverse test of will against physical desire by requesting that Radha lay passive and still beside him whenever he feels the need for sex. The servant Mundu engages in appallingly perverse masturbation habits, and Jatin marries Sita, despite his love for and on-going affair with another woman. The sexual desires that lay hidden beneath this middle-class, Indian household all spring from the universal site of human need. The difference is that the men in "Fire" thwart their own desires in selfish delusions (perhaps because they have more to benefit from the maintenance of status quo) while Radha and Sita reach out to one another with their eyes wide open.

It's no wonder that after the film's screening at the International Film Festival of India one man threatened Mehta: "I'm going to shoot you, Madam!" Mehta's unblinking view of human relations and sexual desire is an unveiling of secrets that everyone knows and yet often denies. Not once is the word "lesbian" spoken in the film. As Sita suggests, there is no word in their language for their desire.

Yet, "Fire" lets no one go unscathed by its symbolic ritual for the purity of lesbian love. Like desire, "Fire" consumes, transforms and creates anew.

"Fire" opens in Atlanta Oct. 17. ▼

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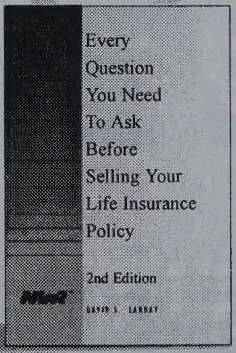


"Intimate Portrait: Dr. Susan Love"

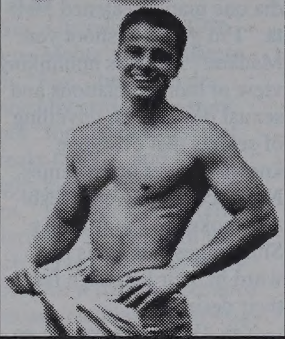
by Elizabeth Elkins

Dr. Susan Love did not want to be a breast surgeon. During her medical residency in Boston, however, she realized how poorly breast cancer patients were being treated. At that moment, she knew her calling in life was to help these women. Since, she has become the most famous female surgeon in the United States and has authored two best-selling books: "Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book" and "The Hormone Book."

Such success did not come easily. Love's struggles within and beyond the medical community are perfect fodder for Lifetime's "Intimate Portrait" series. Narrated by breast cancer survivor Linda Ellerbee (who was treated by Dr. Love), this episode begins with a look at Love's childhood in Puerto Rico and Mexico. From there, a brief mention is made of her stint in a convent in New York City and her ensuing matriculation to medical school. However, the majority of the one-hour program focuses on her struggles as the first female staff surgeon at Boston's prestigious Beth Israel Hospital and the drive to make America aware of the

David Merrill

The incredible Dr. Susan Love, the subject of one of Lifetime's "Intimate Portrait" series.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breast cancer epidemic. This drive led to the formation of the National Breast Cancer Coalition and the now-famous congressional hearings on the subject.

Love is also a lesbian. This "Intimate Portrait" episode, like Love, is decidedly frank about her sexuality. Love's family (who accepted her lesbianism immediately) and her life-long lover, Helen Cooksey, are interviewed extensively. "I feel an obligation to be out," Love admits early in the program. "It helps others. I like to change the world and fix it."

The camera spends a great deal of time with Love and Cooksey and their daughter Katie. The latter part of the program focuses on Love's and Cooksey's four-year battle with the Massachusetts courts, which led to a ground-breaking victory that ensures a non-biological parent's legal rights to a child in case the couple breaks up or the mother dies.

"Intimate Portrait" does a great job of accentuating the normality and family values evident in Love and Cooksey's relationship. No stereotypical assumptions are made: Love is presented as an incredible surgeon and person who just happens to love another woman. Lifetime is to be applauded for their unassuming and frank presentation of an incredible woman's achievements.

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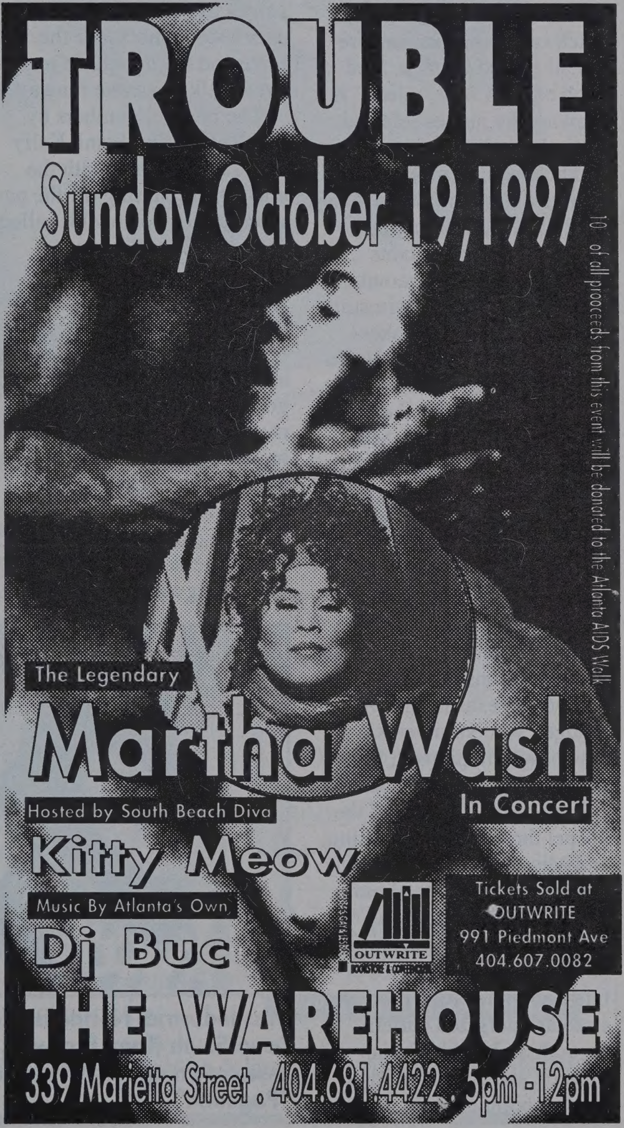

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"Pageant": And the winner is... the audience

by Jim Farmer

Like its dressed-to-the-nines contestants, "Pageant" is so darn eager to please, it eventually wins you over.

A musical spoof of that American ritual known as the beauty contest, "Pageant"'s catch is the contestants here are all played by men. And each night, a new "queen" is crowned by judges selected from the audience.

The event is emceed by Frankie Cavalier (Kevin Kennard), a slick, swarmy host who runs the contestants through their usual gamut of categories - talent, swimsuit, evening gown and spokesmodel competitions, as well as Beauty Crisis Calls.

The six vying for the Miss Glamouresse tiara are Miss Deep South (Tony Braswell), who has a double major in home economics and cancer research; Miss Great Plains (Rick Cantrell), a twangy Plain Jane; Miss West Coast (Christopher Siddons), a dingy blonde who has to have most questions repeated to her; Miss Texas (Lance Aldredge), who volunteers with "the beauty impaired"; Miss Bible Belt (Gary Scott Knapp, Jr.), who wants to spread the gospel through telemarketing; and Miss Industrial Northeast (Edwin Rodriguez), a bouffanted Puerto Rican who works as a prison secretary. (Glamouresse Cosmetics offers such innovative products as solar-energized curlers, Smooth-as-Marble Facial Spackle and an aerosol that doesn't pollute the air.)

"Pageant" ran for more than five years off-Broadway and is only now making its Southern debut. The gags come quickly here and are pretty hit-or-miss. Fortunately, though, for every joke that fizzles, another one hits the mark. The wicked script lampoons everything from the tacky opening and mid-show pageant numbers, the forced smiles as the jealous contestants watch others take the prize and the inevitable teary-eyed walk down the runway.

The musical numbers by Bill Russell and Frank Kelly are often pleasing, with the contestants starting off the pageant with a bouncy bit called "Natural Born Females." What really separates "Pageant" from being just another men-in-drag number, however, is that it's genuinely funny and manages to sustain its goofy spirit for a full 90 minutes. The Beauty Crisis Calls, in particular, are quite humorous. (A hysterical watcher phones in and wants to know how she can afford both Glamouresse products and life-saving medication.) Later, when the reigning Miss Glamouresse (Richard Cherry) appears and uses her "pull" to personally hand pick the finalists - and chooses five of the six young ladies - it's an inspired moment.

Give director Scott Rousseau credit here for making this work, and for coaxing real performances (and not just campy clichés) from the actors. The performers all have their moments, but a ventriloquist routine by Braswell's Miss Deep South is a show-stopper.

Smart and surprisingly fresh, "Pageant" breathes life into Thelma's Pump Room. With word of mouth, this show could have a healthy run.

"Pageant," presented by BackStage Productions, runs through Oct. 26, at Thelma's Pump Room at The Armory, 838 Juniper St. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are $15 Thursday and Sunday and $18 on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 404-321-5870. ▼

Miss Industrial Northeast (Edwin Rodriguez, left) and Miss Deep South (Tony Braswell, right) try the Miss Glamouresse crown on Miss West Coast (Christopher Siddons) in "Pageant."

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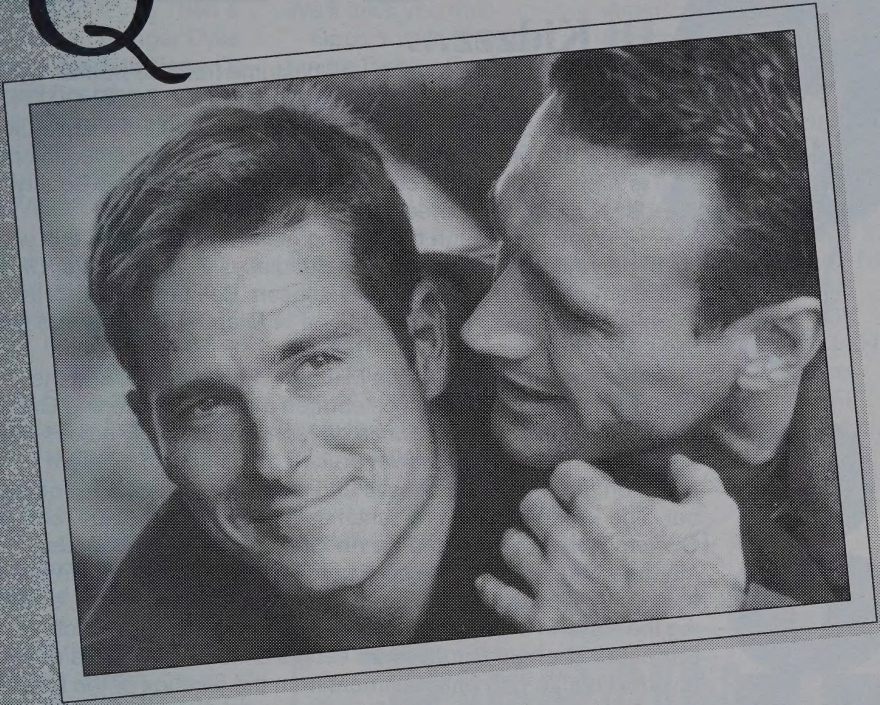

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The Heretic's **Bev Cook** and I judged a go-go dancer contest at Revolution recently. Contestants danced for three hours and were judged on style, ability and endurance. **Amy Winn** took the prize and now is go-go dancing her little feet off.

Miss Q's features An Evening of Gay Comedy every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The next show will be on Oct. 22, and features local queer comics with yours truly as the host. Hopefully I'll run into that cute little advertising man **Michael Erickson** (if he can keep his eyes off of bartender **John Jay**). I must also congratulate bartender **Daryl Mauldin**, who was crushed by my slight to his pool game. He has since taken lessons and is beating everybody.

Atlanta drag legend **Billy Jones**, diva **Tina Devore** and myself will be in a panel discussion for students at Emory University (110 White Hall) Tuesday, Oct. 28, entitled “Drag Then & Drag Now.” Danger Dyke at large **Maria Helena Dolan** will host the event to be filmed as part of the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian History Thing archives at the Atlanta Historical Society.

If you are a struggling singer, dancer or comic and waiting for that big break, here’s your chance. Check out the Spotlight Talent Contest each Wednesday in the Cabaret at Backstreet. The show starts at 11:00 p.m. with sign-in for contestants at 10:30 p.m. and is hosted **Juan Cezar**. I understand my friend **Melissa Picardi** has been singing her heart out over there.

Morris Griffin, owner of Otto’s Stained Glass in Ellijay, Ga., called to invite you to the second weekend of the Apple Festival this weekend. Morris says his store proudly flies the gay flag just off the square in the center of town. Alright for queering rural Georgia!

Former Etcetera writer **Thomas “T” Hoff** passed away one year ago Nov. 1, and per his wishes his friends **John Cookson**, **Gil Robinson** and **Jeff Strack** are off to East Texas to scatter his ashes on the heartland. The only problem is “T” was not specific as to the location the ceremony should take place.

Best wishes to **John Arthur**, former bartender at Backstreet, as he moves to Zebulon, Ga., to get back to the simple life. We’ll miss you doll!

Opus 1 welcomes bartender **Bobby Cook** back to the Cheshire Bridge gang.

Congrats to **Joshua Tucker** of Florida, winner of Mr. Gay USA on Sept. 15, at Illusions in Myrtle Beach, S.C. First Runner-up is **Christian** of Georgia; Second Runner-up is **Phillip Martin** of Atlanta and Third Runer-up is **Ty Jordan** of Tennessee. Congrats to Miss Apollo **Jasmein Campbell Starr** and Mr. Apollo **Jeff Sanford**, crowned Sept. 6, at Club 21 in Birmingham. Congrats to **Loreal Chilane**, Crowned Miss September’s at September’s in Chattanooga Sept. 20. Loreal will also represent Georgia in the Miss Gay America Pageant held in Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 19 – 23. Good luck gal.

Special welcome to **Jessica Southern** of Birmingham as a new resident to Atlanta. Jessica gave her farewell performance at Club 21 in B’ham Sept. 27.

That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it! GET THE DIRT TO ME FAST ON THE PEG HOTLINE (404-256-8559). Till then, remember to PLAY SAFE. Luv ya’…mean it…make change….

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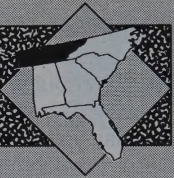

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✶I'd like to respond to the person who Spouted Off about Princess Diana. I think that we should appreciate anything that anyone does for patients with AIDS. I think that comment was ridiculously uneducated and that person should be ashamed and put to death.

✶As a gay traveler, I am dismayed at the lack of gay publications available in the airports. I would like to see an Etcetera box at the airport.

✶I wish Atlanta would allow more 18 year olds into their clubs and bars.

✶The so-called "party promoters" in Atlanta SUCK! These queers have got some nerve charging $25 and up for these CRAPPY PARTIES. They cut corners and pocket the money!

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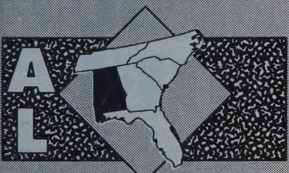

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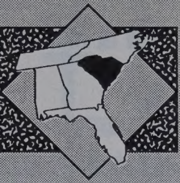

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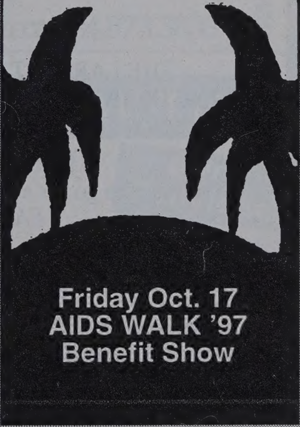

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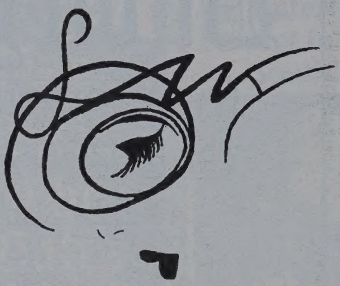

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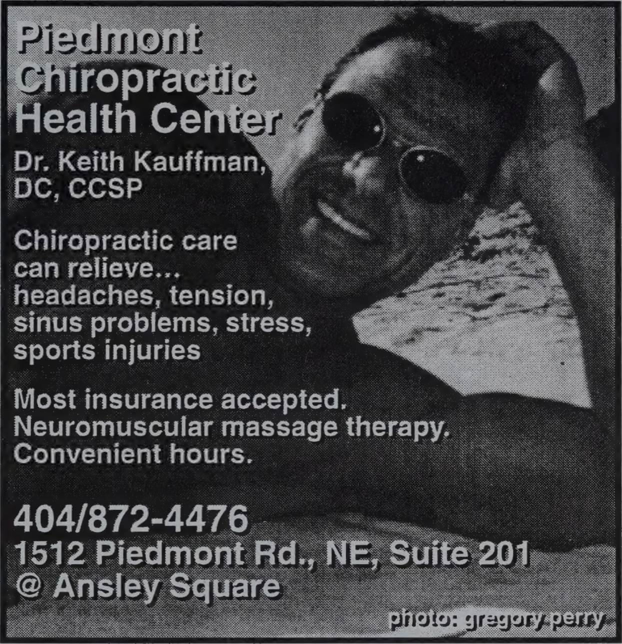

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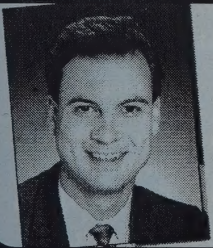

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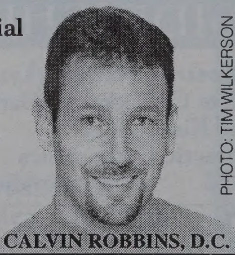

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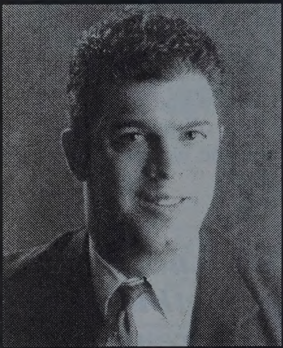

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For all of you who knew Tony, be happy for him. He no longer suffers and is with a lot of friends. For those of you who did not know Tony, you really missed out on knowing a wonderful man. Tony died of AIDS on September 25.

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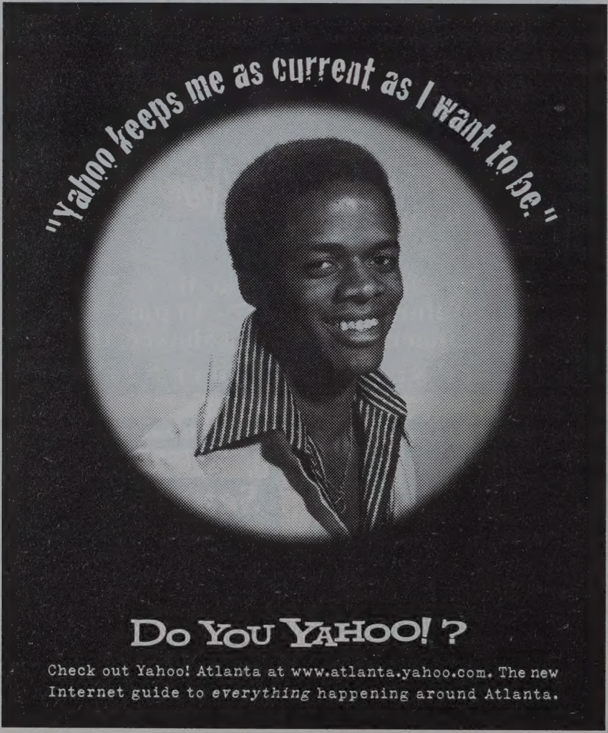
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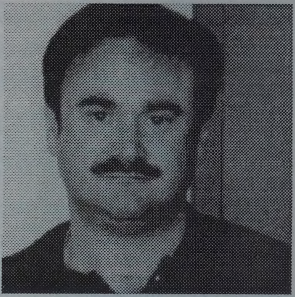

Ronnie Price, born January 22, 1956 died September 18, 1997. Although he had few friends still living, he had me as a best friend, relying on each other for most everything. Ronnie will truly be missed but I know he'll be in a better place with the rest of his friends. Surviving are his father, two brothers, a sister and me.

God Bless,
Mark Gencur

JOHN BROWN

John Brown, age 38, passed this life Sunday, September 21, 1997. John was partner and best friends of Mark Fairman for over six years. John was born November 13, 1958 in Bolling Green, Kentucky and was laid to rest there on September 24.

John was an avid reader, formerly a conventions services manager and served in the Air Force. He resided for many years in Alaska prior to his move to Georgia. There will be a Memorial Service Monday, October 20 at 7pm at "Common Ground," 1053 Juniper St. next to Filibusters. There is parking in the rear.

John is sadly missed by his life partner, Mark Fairman, and friends: Art, Michelle, Anne, Eric, Dennis, Mitch, Ray and Paul. Rest in Peace, John... We'll miss you.

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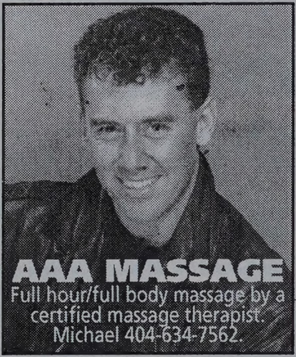

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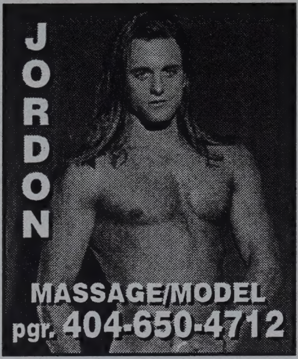

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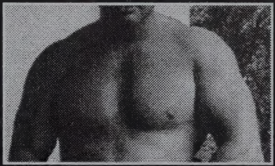

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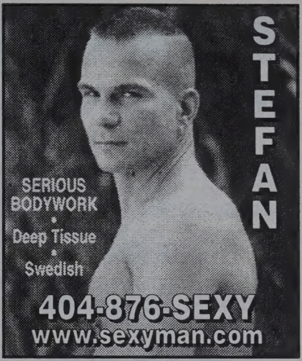
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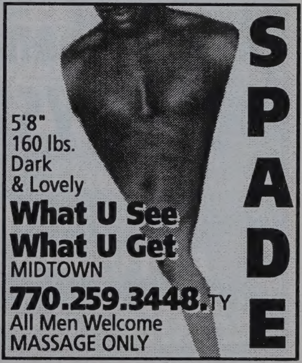
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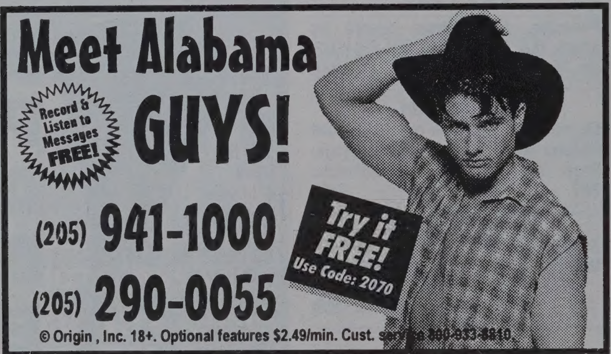
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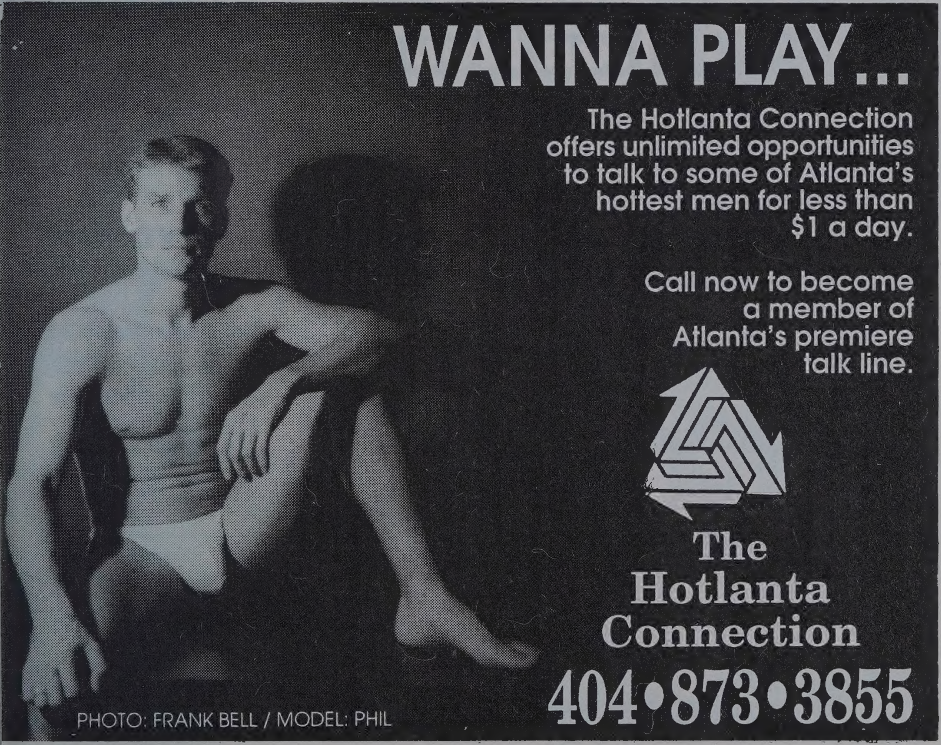
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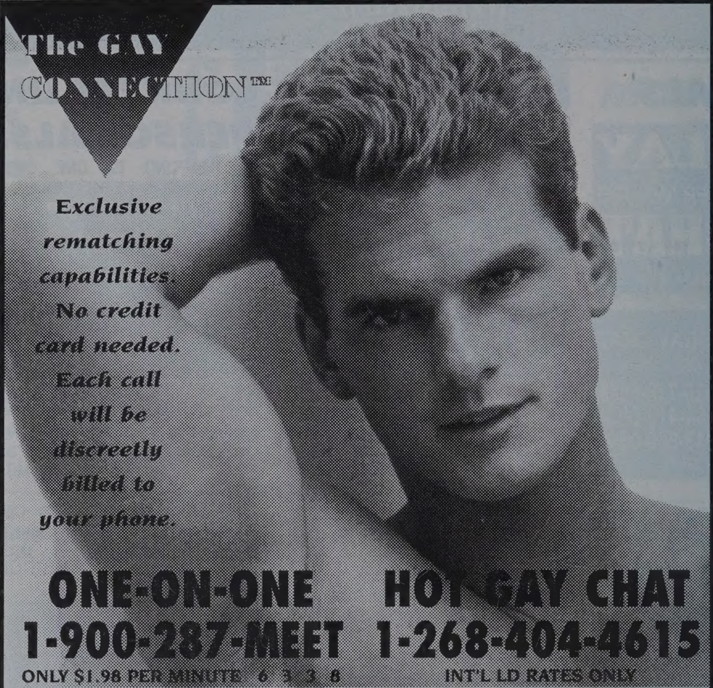

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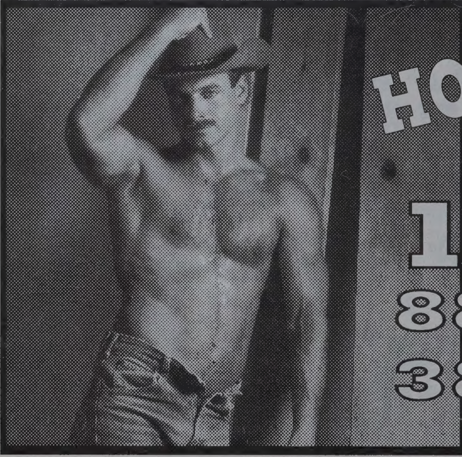

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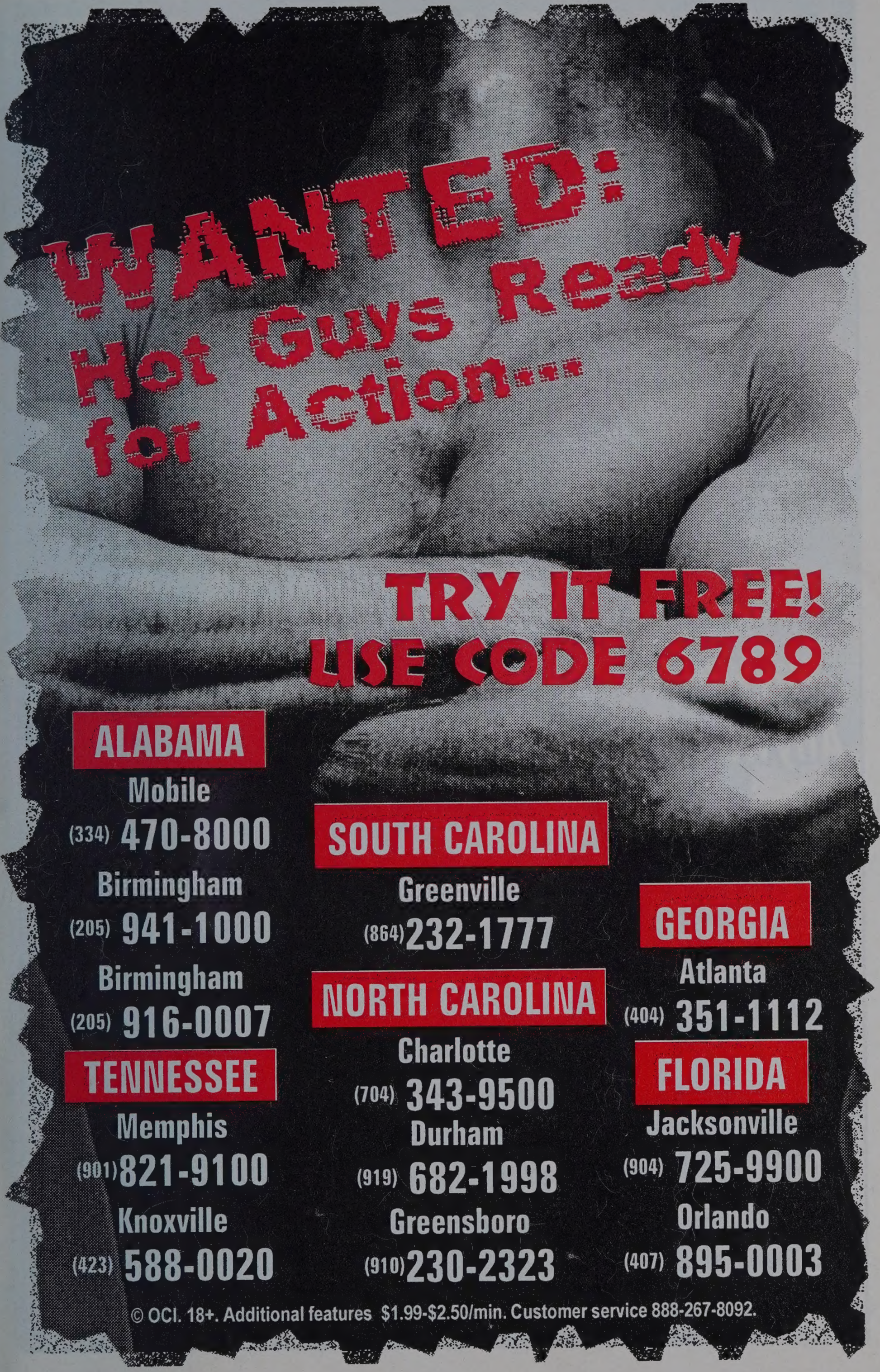

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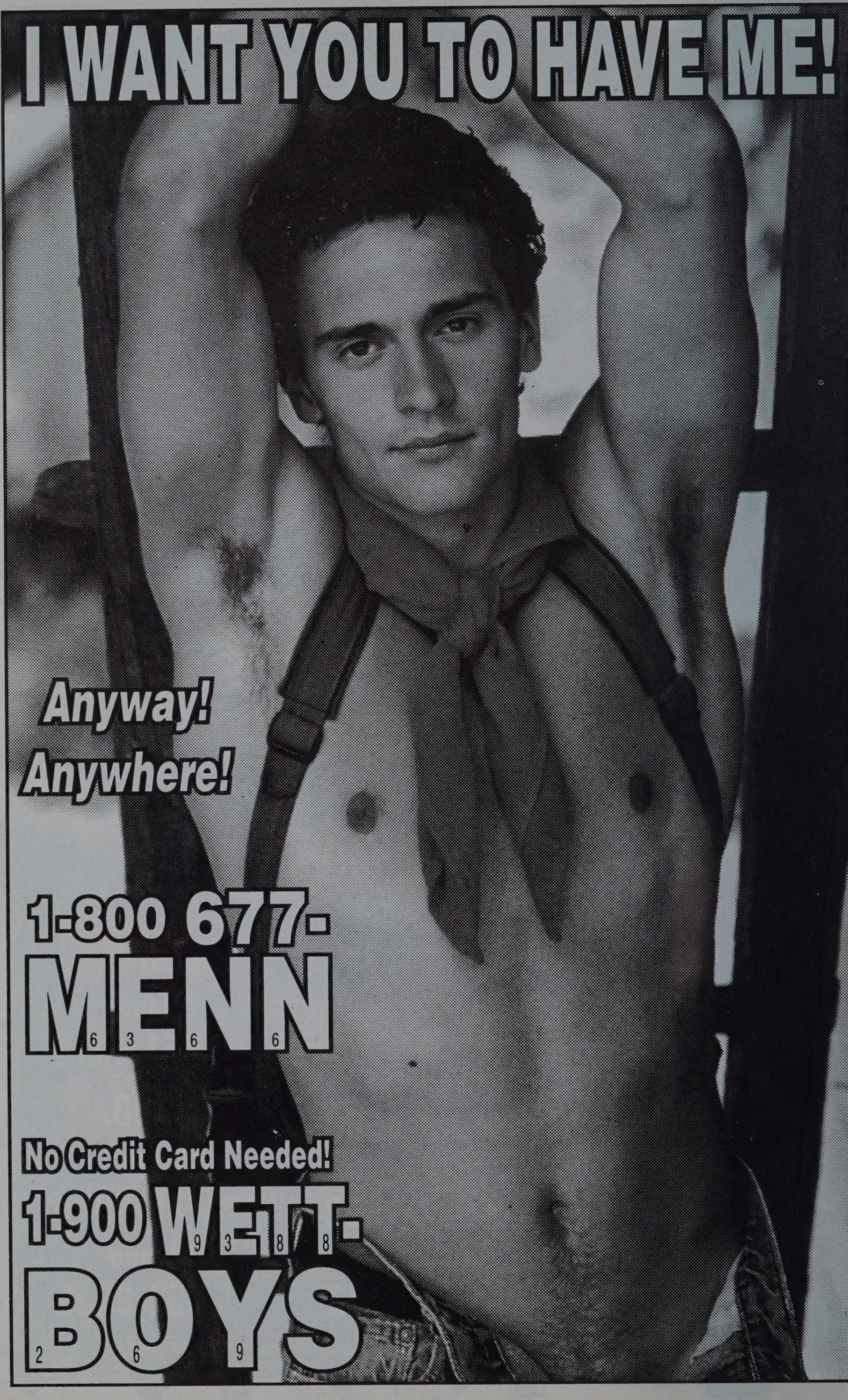
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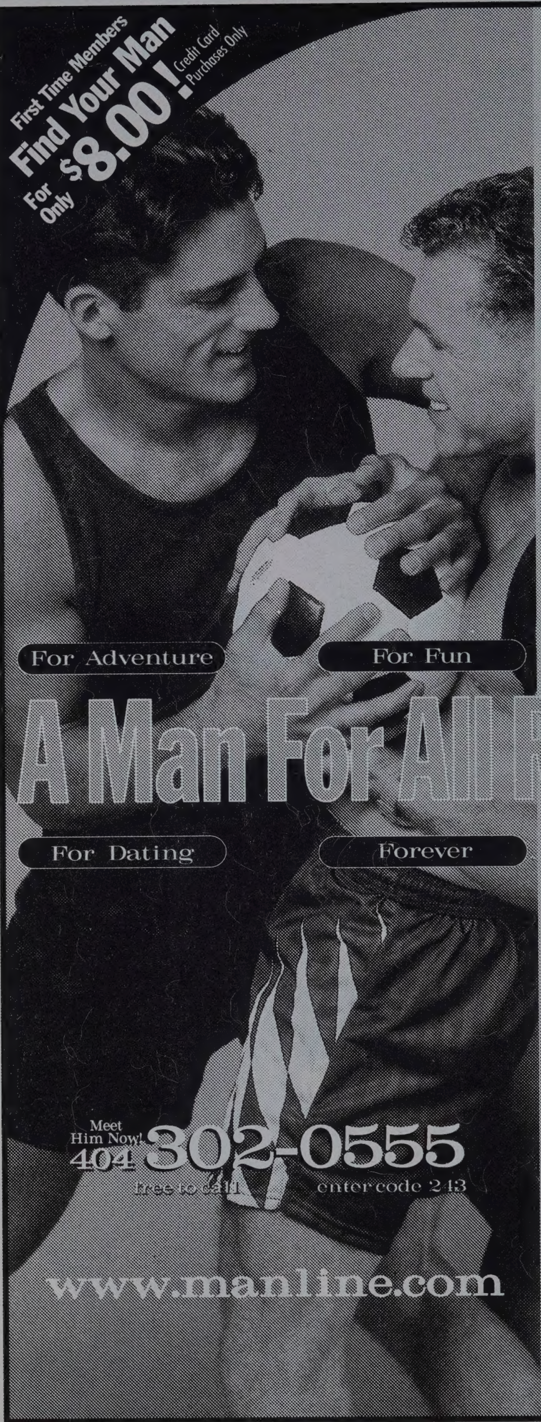
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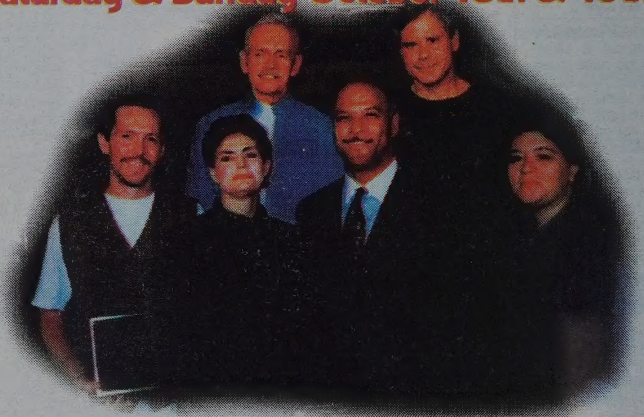

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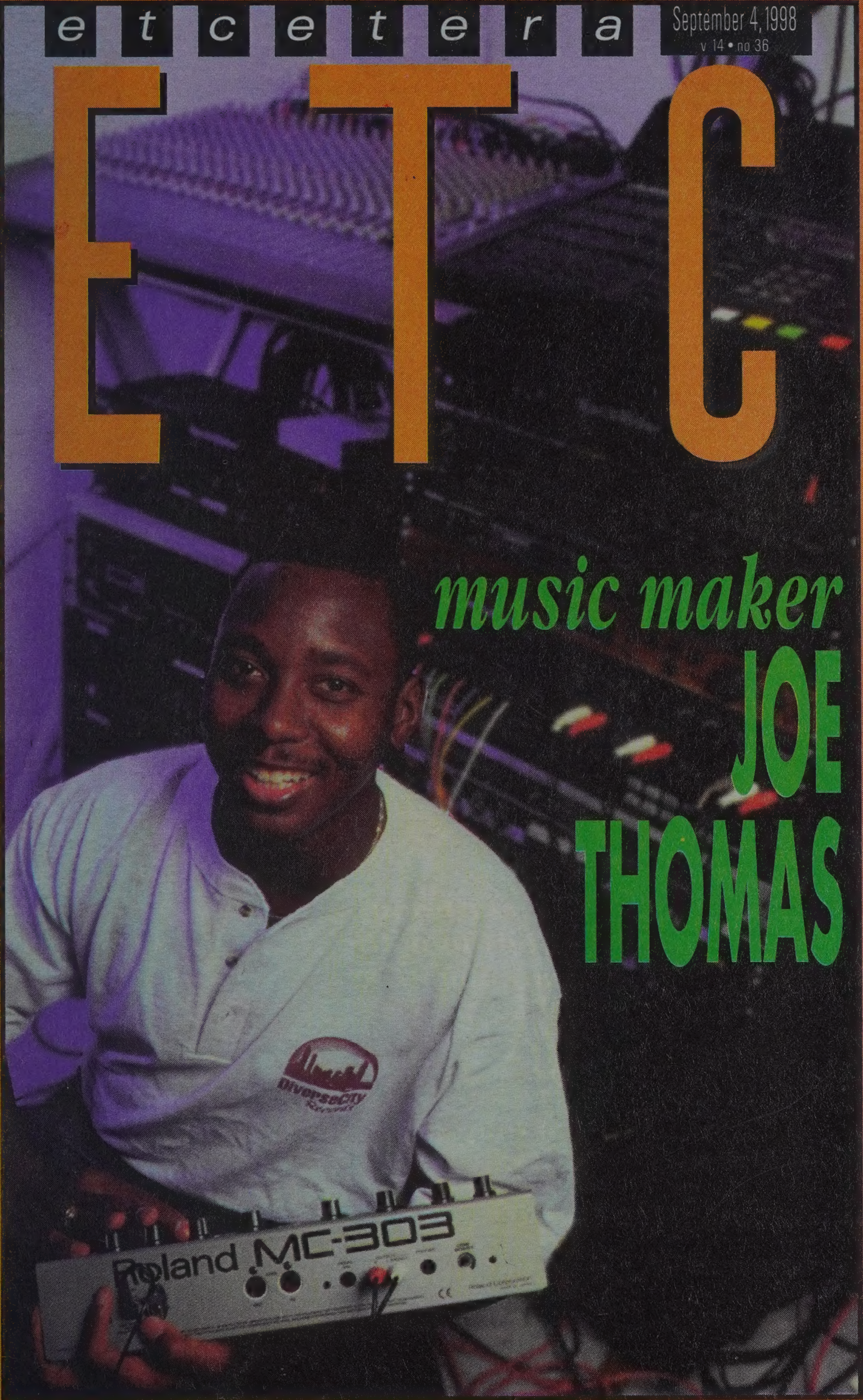
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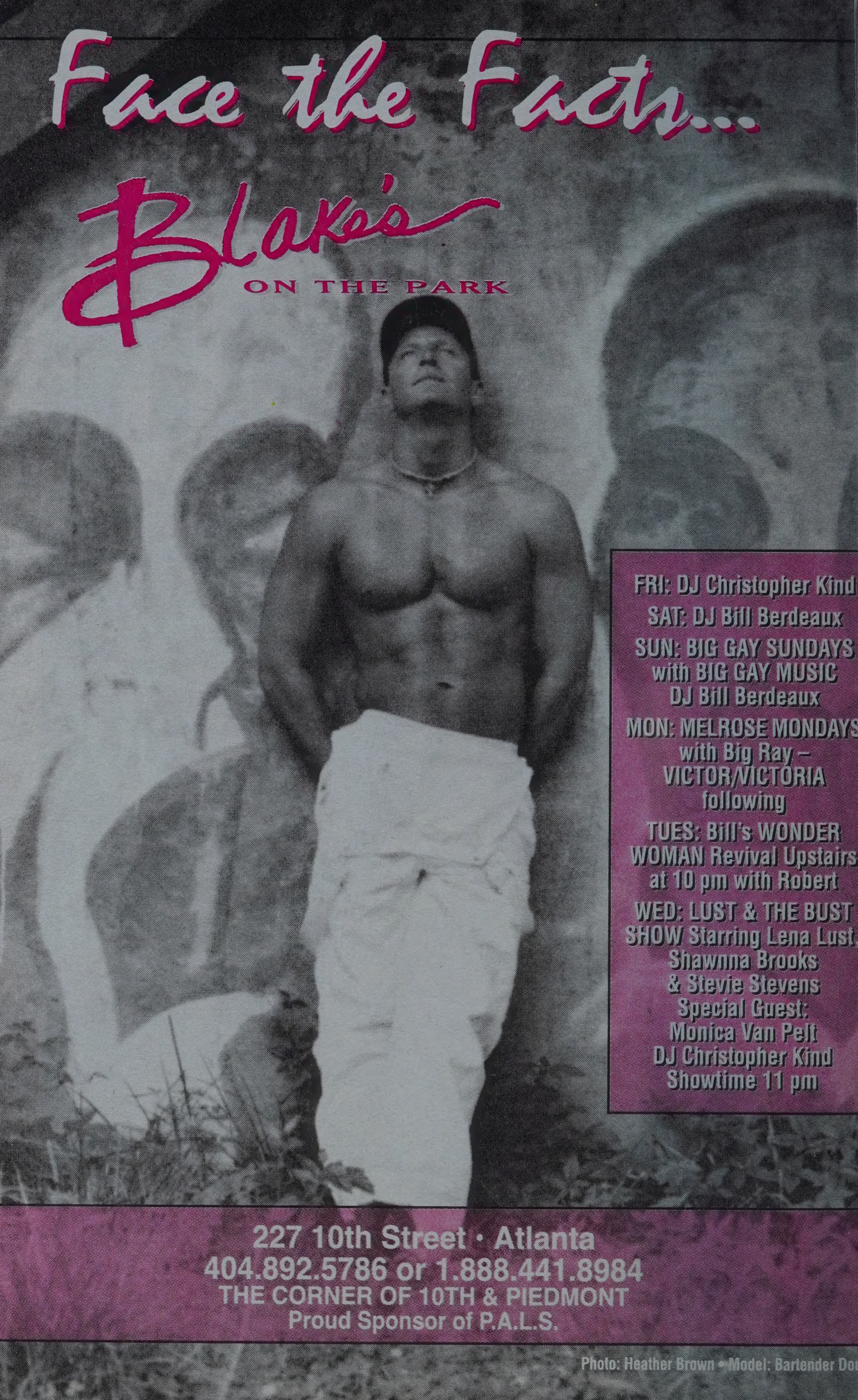

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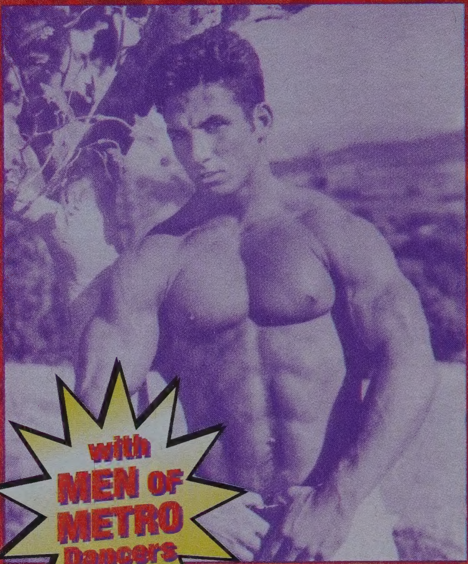

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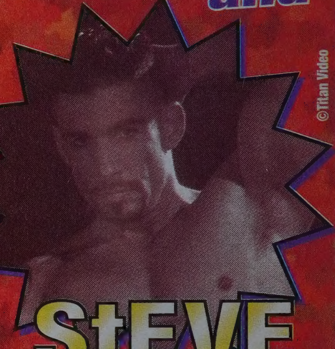

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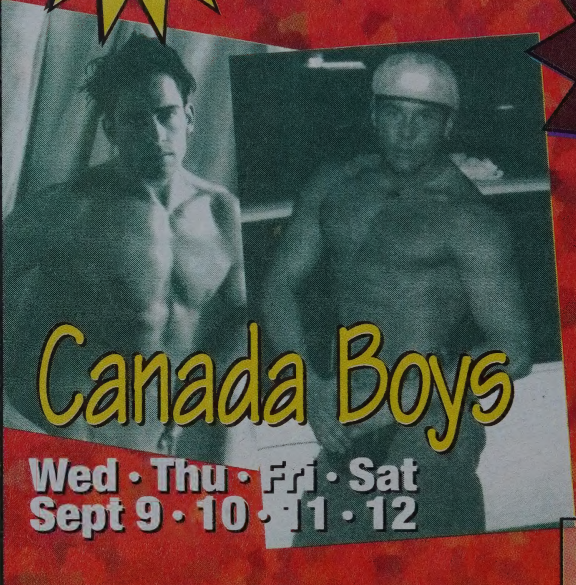

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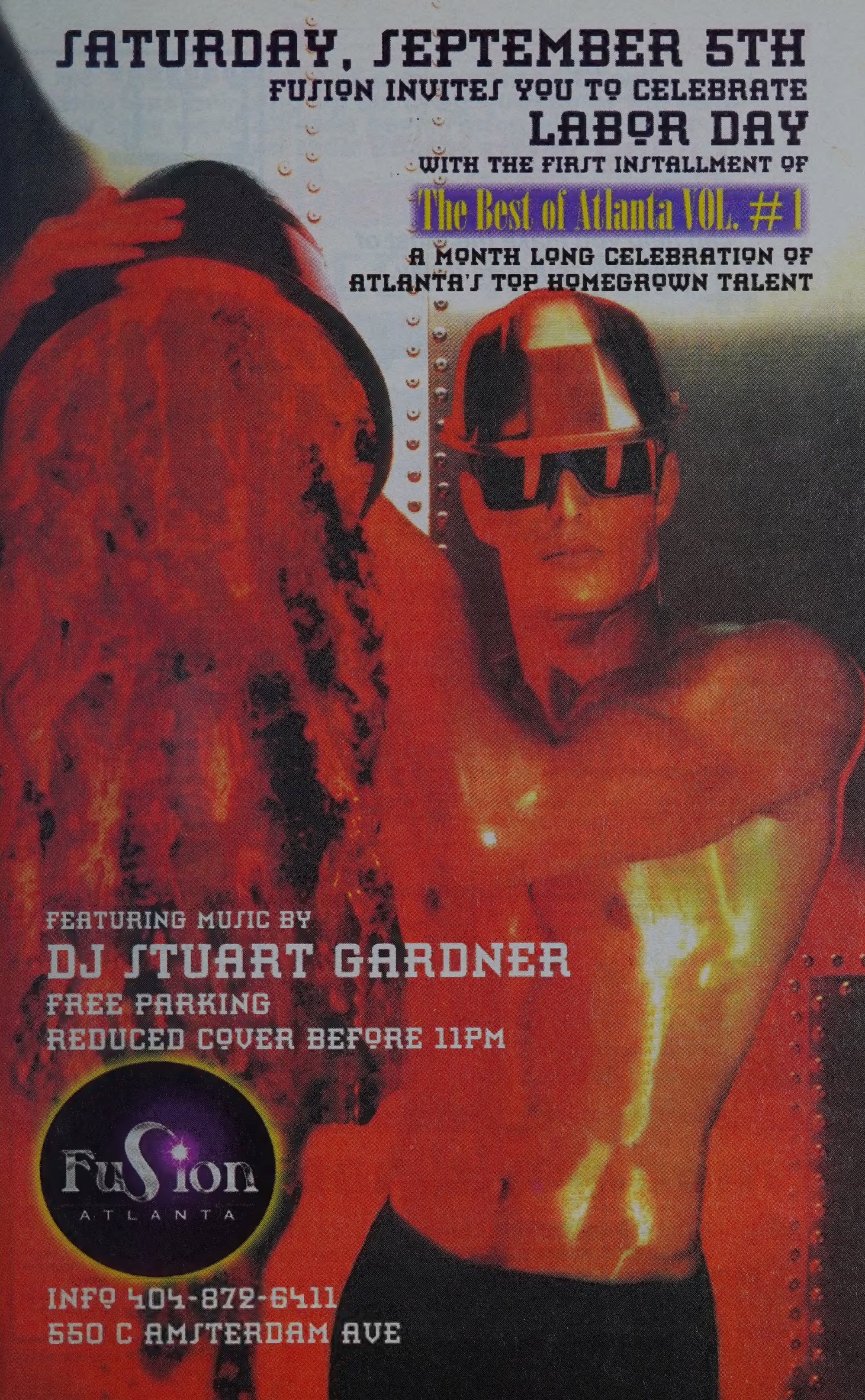

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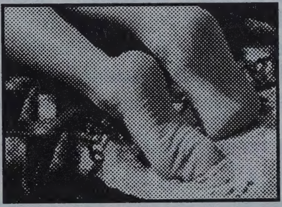

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NORTH CAROLINA CITIES ADOPT PRO-GAY SCHOOL POLICY

Gay and lesbian students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro, N.C., school system will be protected under a change to the system's anti-discrimination policy. The school board voted 6 – 0, Aug. 20, to add sexual orientation to the policy, the first time such action has been taken in the state's populous Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle area. "In my mind this is long overdue," said Shem Bartner-Aaron, a 1998 graduate of Chapel Hill High School. "This is wonderful. It is vital that students feel that they're in a positive environment." The school system's attorney, John McCormick, said the district took its cue from local governments. "We are right smack in the middle of the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and the county, which have similar anti-discrimination policies," he said. "And if their policies reflect the will of the electorate, then the board of education should consider these policies." But the policy has also drawn criticism. Don Carrington, vice president of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative research organization in Raleigh, said it might make students the pawns of adults who have a political agenda and put young people into a category before they are "clear about who they are."

GAY DIRECTORY BAILS IN CHARLOTTE

Early this summer, The Washington Blade reported that Chapter 2/Out West Publishing, which produces the Gay Community Yellow Pages in several cities across the U.S., had gone belly up and failed to produce directories for which substantial ad revenue had been collected. Etcetera (Vol. 14, #28) reported that although other cities may have had problems, Atlanta's Yellow Pages had been delivered on time at Pride, June 26 - 28. But now a report in The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, Aug. 27, says that city's directory, expected in July, has never been published and that Chapter 2, formerly of Atlanta and now based in Phoenix, Ariz., had closed its local office and disconnected its phone. Advertisers, who paid in advance for their ads, told the Observer they have been unable to find out what happened to their money. And the state of North Carolina has filed a lien against Chapter 2 for nonpayment of unemployment taxes. The story is the latest in a two-year string of controversies surrounding the company and its publisher/CEO Marci Alt, who has also been accused of illegally falsifying employee documents to prevent a former employee from publishing a competing gay business and services directory. Attempts to reach Alt were unsuccessful at press time.

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Marci Alt (center) proudly brought her Gay Community Yellow Pages to Atlanta Pride in June, but angry advertisers say she and her directory are a no-show in Charlotte.

ATLANTA PRIDE POSTPONES FALL EVENT

The Board of Directors of the Atlanta Pride Committee has decided to postpone the "Out with Pride" event scheduled for Oct. 3, until October 1999. According to board chairs Juliet De La Cruz and Glen Paul Freedman and Executive Director Donna Narducci, there was not enough time between the initial idea and the planned date to put together a quality event this year. Another factor is the shortfall of funds the Pride Committee is experiencing as a result of very low donations collected during this June's Pride celebration. The committee reported that only about $17,000 was collected in donations, nearly $8,000 less than 1997 and far short of the amount needed to help cover expenses. That left no extra funds for the October event, which was proposed as a music concert featuring local and national speakers around the theme of coming out, to mark National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11. The Pride Committee will hold an open community meeting Sept. 1, 7:00 p.m., at the Atlanta Lambda Center to discuss planning and raising funds for the 1999 "Out with Pride" and to recruit volunteers.

FLORIDA ACTIVIST TAKES GLAAD ATLANTA REINS

Dilia Loe, head of GLAAD's new Atlanta office.

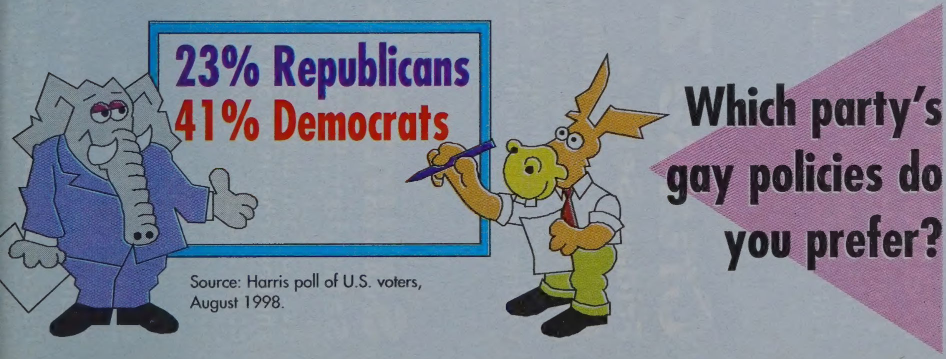
The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced, Aug. 25, the hiring of Dilia Loe as Atlanta Media Resource Manager and Director of Programs, replacing Sean Sasser, who left some months earlier. Loe was the founding executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCC) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a position she held until her GLAAD appointment. Under Loe's leadership GLCC grew to a half-million dollar operation. Loe decided to move to Atlanta in what she calls "for lack of a better word, one of those karma things." Her acceptance to graduate studies in religion and law at Emory University coincided with the GLAAD offer, a position she was eager to pursue after meeting GLAAD Executive Director Joan Garry and becoming impressed with Garry's vision for the organization. As the media resources manager, Loe finds a number of area for growth and expansion of GLAAD's mission to promote fair, accurate and inclusive representation of the gay community in the news and entertainment media. "It's paramount that we strengthen relationships between our gay organizations and the media," Loe told Etcetera. "But along with creating these relationships, we need to increase our skill level to maximize our potential when we do garner media attention. So we want to continue and extend the work Sean did in bringing GLAAD media essentials trainers to town." Loe says a primary goal - and a big advantage she sees in having an Atlanta office - is to strengthen relations with the CNN news broadcasting network because of its international reach. And she plans to establish a monitor team to respond to gay issues and representation in the local and national media.

Around The Nation

■ The California Assembly and Senate has passed a bill, introduced by state Sen. Richard Rainey (R–Walnut Creek), that would make it a felony, punishable by up to eight years in prison, for a person to deliberately infect another with HIV. Although opponents softened the measure to make it difficult to prove intent, Fred Dillon, state policy director for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said the bill unfairly implies that society needs special protection from people who have HIV. The bill now awaits the signature of Gov. Pete Wilson.

■ Mychael Robinson of San Francisco was awarded $25,000 plus court costs in a suit against Alan Louie, who he calls his ex-husband, because Louie had not disclosed his HIV-positive status before the two engaged repeatedly in unprotected anal intercourse. Robinson has tested negative but sued for "pain and suffering" during the six month period after exposure and conclusive testing.

■ The Rev. James Callan has conducted gay weddings, allowed women an active role on the altar and served Holy Communion to non-Catholics in the Rochester, N.Y., parish he has ministered for 22 years. Now Callan believes he is being reassigned to another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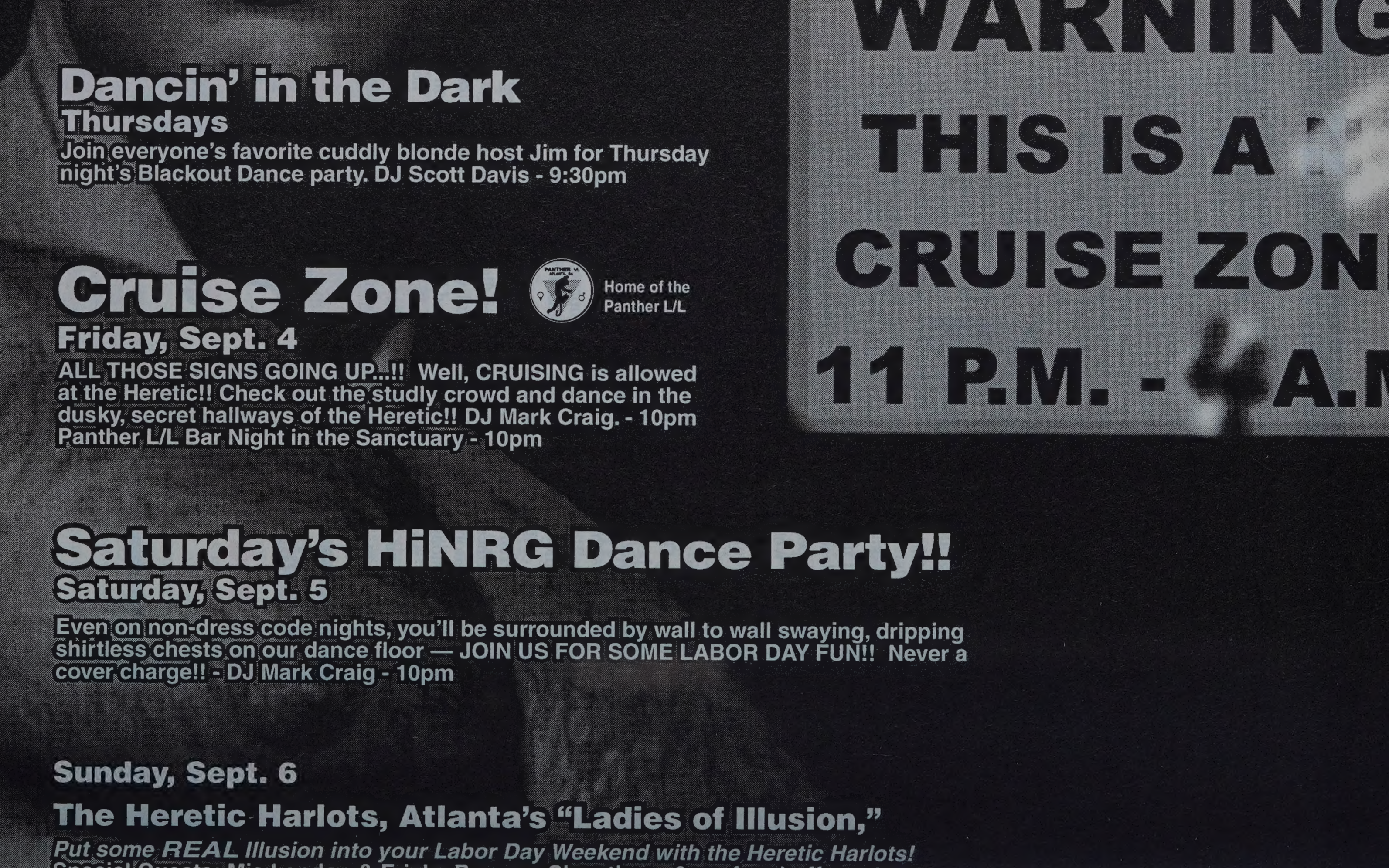

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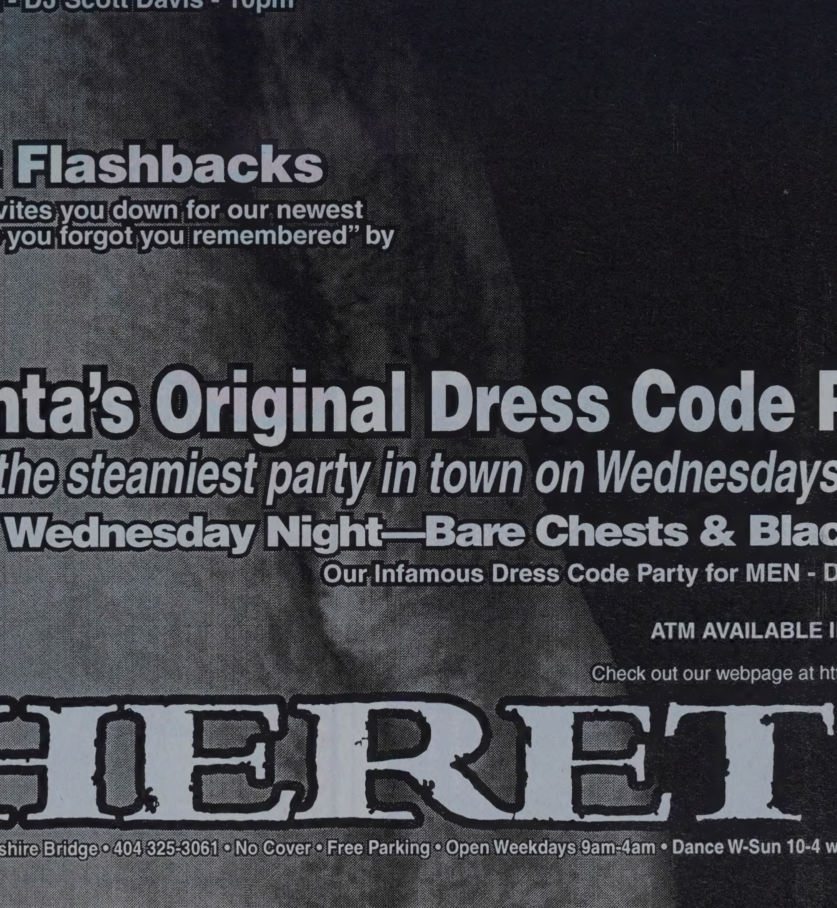

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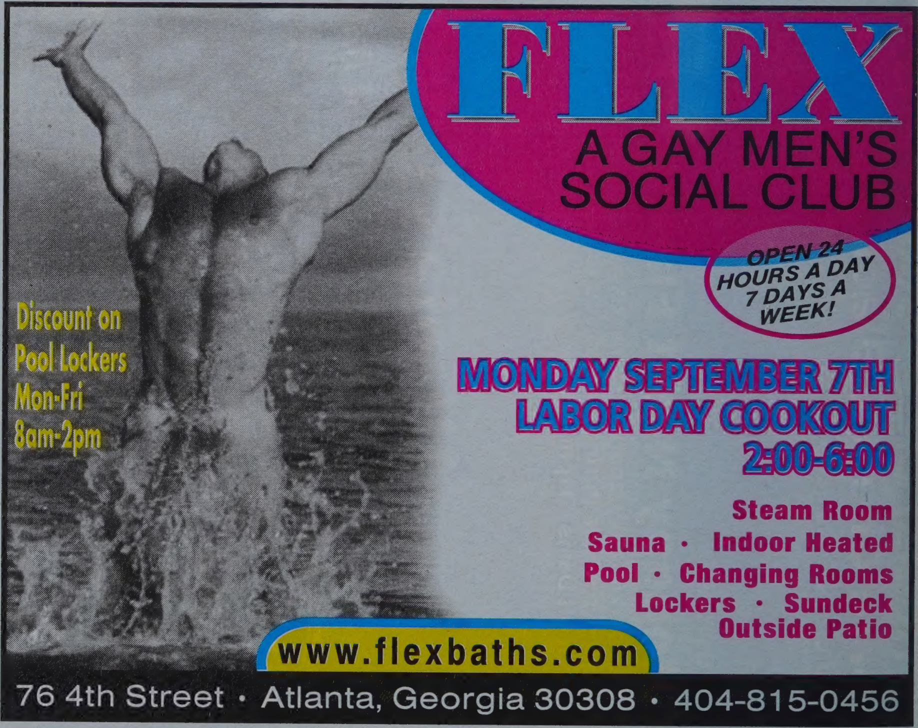
Shawn Dowd/AP

Father Jim Callan hugs a parishioner during a special meeting held Aug. 18, to discuss his removal as pastor of his Rochester, N.Y., church for, among other things, conducting same-sex union ceremonies.

■ Christopher Burgess, a father who believes his homosexuality prompted a judge to deny him custody of his four-year-old son, is taking his fight to the Indiana Court of Appeals. A judge ruled in July that the boy should live with his mother, despite her addiction to narcotic pain killers.

■ Eric Carolina, a Bronx man, was arrested Aug. 20, in the stabbing death of Greenwich Village resident Fitzroy Green, allegedly after meeting Green on the street and being invited up to his apartment. Although Green's murder was the second killing in the gay-identified New York City neighborhood in less than a week, Police Commissioner Howard Safir stressed that it does not appear to be part of a pattern. But on Aug. 19, the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project called for the creation of a task force to investigate several homicides that have occurred this year in the village and in nearby Chelsea. Reports of the crime varied from a straightforward story in the New York Times to lurid pieces in the Daily News and Post that focused on Green's alleged trade as a transvestite prostitute.



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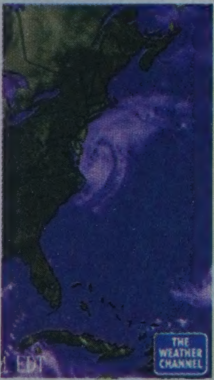
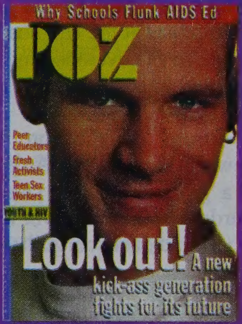


■ After dousing the coast of North Carolina with rain, Hurricane Bonnie turned and headed back to sea but changed course and Aug. 28, slammed into Virginia Beach, Vir., site of Christian televangelist Pat Robertson's ministries. Early this summer Christian Coalition founder Robertson stated on his TV show "The 700 Club" that Orlando is "right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those [rainbow] flags in God's face if I were you." The Central Florida city is home to Walt Disney World, site of the annual "Gay Days at Disney," held during the first weekend in June; Orlando decided to allow 720 rainbow flags to be flown from light poles throughout the month.

■ The Barnes & Noble bookstore chain has banned the sale of the September issue of the national AIDS magazine POZ, which focuses on youth and HIV. The company says it does not object to the contents but to the inclusion of three free "Back to School" condoms. Anderson News, a nationwide mass-market wholesaler, has also decided not to distribute the issue. Jan Belnap and Sunny Gilbert Hardy, two lesbian ranchers in Boulder, Colo., and their foreman have been accused of harassing their neighbors. But the women say they only have been trying to scare off unidentified vandals who have been harassing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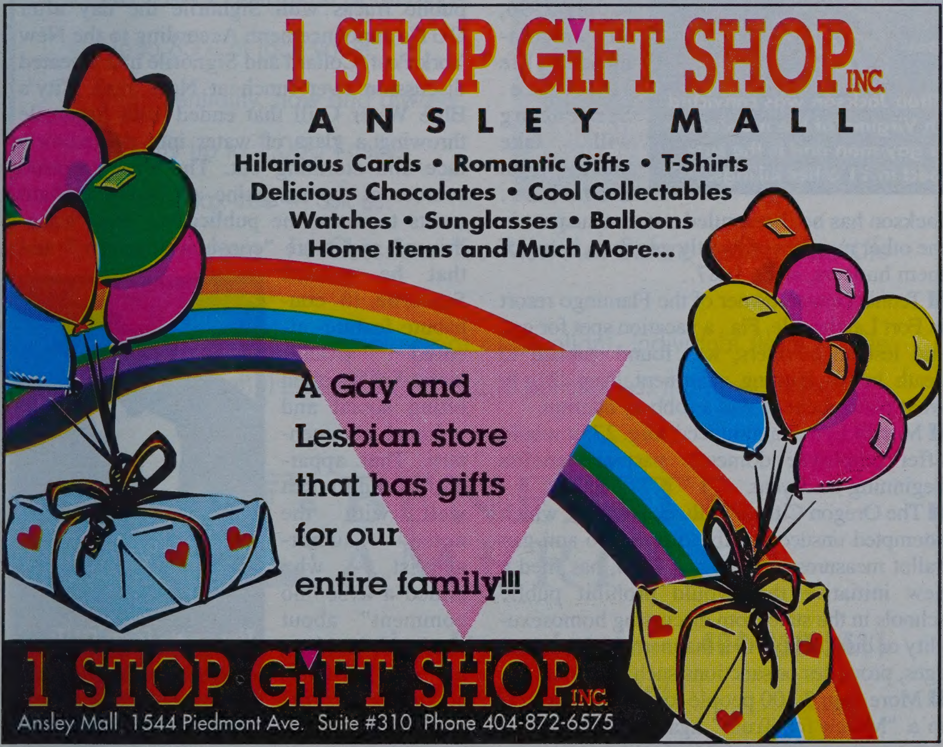
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them, possibly because of their homosexuality.

■ About 300 Mormon men and women met in Salt Lake City, Aug. 21, for the eighth annual conference of Evergreen International, a group for people seeking to "overcome" their homosexuality and remain faithful to church teachings. Among the topics discussed were raising "gender-secure" children and how to resist masturbation.

■ Scientists at the Hughes Institute in St. Paul, Minn., have developed microbicides that show potential in preventing the sexual transmission of HIV.

■ Elton M. Jackson was convicted in Newport News, Va., Aug. 21, of the murder of a gay man that is similar to 11 unsolved murders in the area over the past decade. The jury found Jackson guilty of having sex with Andrew Smith, strangling him and dumping his nude body near a dirt road in Chesapeake in July 1996, and recommended a life sentence. Sentencing will take place in October. Jackson has not been ruled out as a suspect in the other murders of mostly gay men, some of them hustlers, since 1987.

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Elton Jackson was convicted in Virginia of the murder of a gay man and is the suspect in 11 other killings.

■ Teunis Deraat, owner of the Flamingo resort in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a vacation spot for gay and lesbian travelers, was found stabbed to death in his burning apartment, Aug. 21, in what police believe was a robbery attempt.

■ Merrill Lynch announced Aug. 27, it would offer employee domestic partner benefits beginning next year.

■ The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), which attempted unsuccessfully to pass two anti-gay ballot measures in 1992 and 1994, has filed a new initiative that would prohibit public schools in the state from discussing homosexuality or bisexuality "in a manner which encourages, promotes or sanctions such behaviors."

■ More than 3,100 people took part, Aug. 22, in a "March for Truth" against Coral Ridge Ministries in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Organized by Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination (GUARD), the protesters were responding to a series of ads that Coral Ridge and other far Right religious groups placed in publications throughout the U.S. this summer to encourage people to "convert" from homosexuality.

CHANGES AT OUT RESULT IN PUBLIC FEUD

On Aug. 19, OUT magazine Editor-in-Chief James Collard announced that lesbian author and sex educator Pat Califia had been brought on board as a monthly columnist and that Michelangelo Signorile, a columnist for OUT since its launch in 1992, would no longer write his monthly column and had declined an offer to remain as a contributing writer. "Pat is a radical thinker, but more than that, she's an extraordinarily lucid and entertaining writer who brings a warm human understanding to challenging intellectual debates," Collard said of Califia in a press statement. But another apparently "challenging" debate brought more than warmth to Collard in a public fracas with Signorile the day after OUT's announcement. According to the New York Post, Collard and Signorile had a heated discussion over lunch at New York City's Blue Water Grill that ended with Signorile throwing a glass of water into the editor's face and storming out. The Post reported sources at the magazine as saying Collard wants to make the publication less "issue-driven" and more "consumer-friendly," and that he wanted Signorile to contribute feature-oriented articles instead of his often biting social and political commentary. That apparently didn't sit well with the noted author-activist, who issued a terse "no comment" about the lunch incident, as did Collard, according to the Post.

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by Rob Nixon

Atlanta – "Some of us were angry when the gay vote was called a myth," said Larry Pellegrini, longtime activist and legislative lobbyist for gay causes in Georgia, at a meeting held Aug. 26, to plan strategies for getting out the gay vote. Pellegrini was partly responding to statements made in July by Phil McDonald, openly gay special assistant to Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, after low voter turn-out in this summer's primaries and run-offs helped usher in the defeat of several gay and gay-friendly candidates (see Etcetera, Vol. 14, #31).

Speaking out of his frustration with the apparent lack of gay community interest in recent elections, McDonald warned that politicians would not see gay voters as an important bloc to court if more gay people didn't go to the polls. But Pellegrini and others insist "it is not a myth" and planned the strategy meeting to gather support from local organizations for increasing gay participation in this fall's races.

About 60 people showed up at Grady High School for the meeting, sponsored by Georgia Equality Project (GEP) and the Human Rights Campaign, offering their thoughts about why people don't vote and how to change that. Among those speaking was openly gay Atlanta City Councilmember Cathy Woolard, who noted that in a low turn-out year, it's more important than ever to vote in order to strengthen the gay community's position with friends and make a point with political foes.

"We have a lot of things at stake in the governor's race," Woolard noted. "Whether or not you've made an assessment of [Democratic candidate] Roy Barnes, I'm certain you've made an assessment of [ultra-conservative Republican] Guy Millner. If you haven't, go ahead and make one. We have to think about the message Georgia would send to other states if we were to elect Millner."

Woolard pointed out the success achieved in the state over the last decade in holding back "randomly intolerant" legislation, even if by very narrow margins. And she emphasized that much of that success can be credited to people like former Sen. Mary Margaret Oliver, who will no longer be in the General Assembly and recently lost her primary bid to be the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

"We have to remember that legislation happens or doesn't happen because individuals are in there willing to do that for us," Woolard added.

To help ensure such individuals win seats in statewide races, GEP is seeking individual volunteers and partnerships with other organizations. Among those represented at the strategy meeting were Atlanta Executive Network, Log Cabin Republicans, AIDS Survival Project, Youth Pride, the National Organization for Women, Lambda Legal Defense and several other social, political and religious groups. According to Harry Knox,

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Len Laritz (center), head of GEP's Progressive Voter Coalition, discusses getting out the gay vote.

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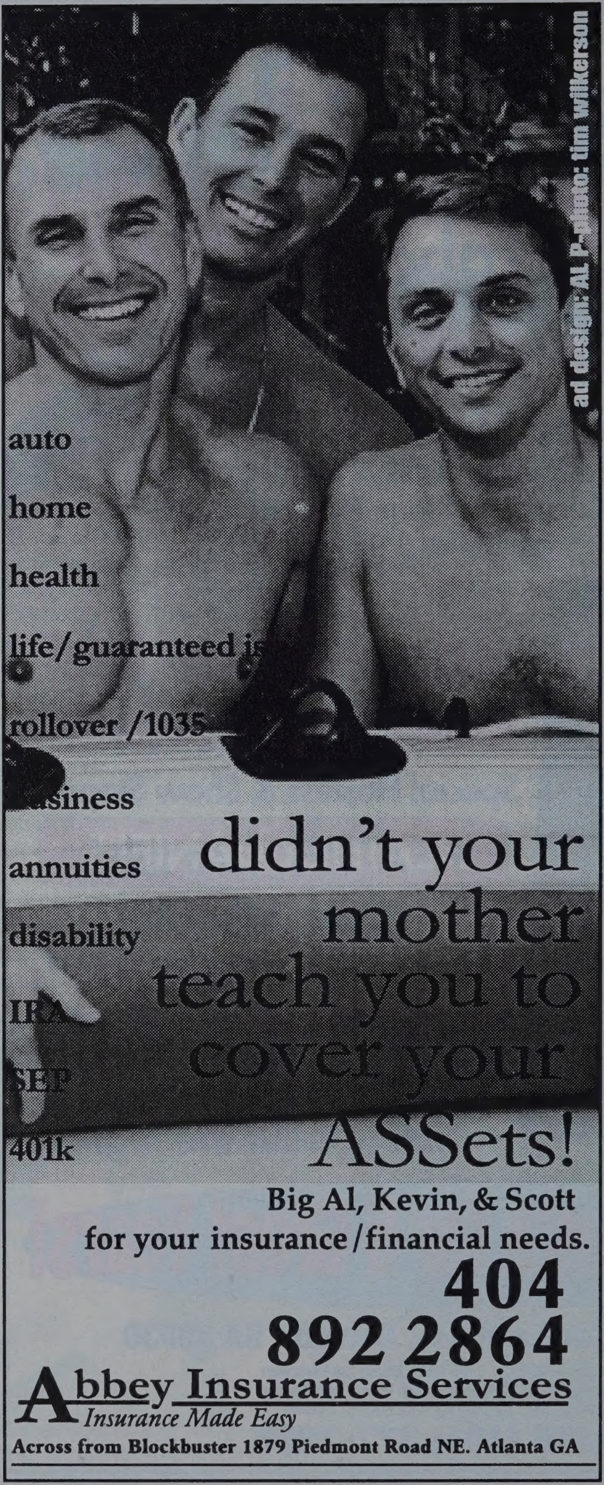
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Knox is also hoping to recruit people for GEP Political Action Committee campaigns in specific districts where gay-friendly candidates face unfriendly opposition. Knox called the district campaigns "the first test of our Progressive Voter Coalition concept," an effort boosted by a donation from the telemarketing firm Telemark of $11,000 worth of phone calls to 11,000 Democrats, swing voters and Republican women – groups most likely to be gay friendly.

Knox told Etcetera GEP now has roughly 20,000 names for a database that will be used, among other ways, to canvas, coordinate candidate house parties and contact voters through mailers and phone calls. GEP is targeting such races as former GEP Co-Chair Cherry Spencer Stark's District 37 (Cobb County) senate race, Democrat Mary Hodges Squire's House challenge to notably anti-gay Republican incumbent Ron Crews in District 78 (Gwinnett) and the District 27 (Macon) senate race in which Floyd Buford is running against Susan Cable, currently the Christian Coalition's legislative lobbyist.

But Woolard suggested at the meeting that it may be time for GEP to focus more sharply on specific races rather than merely issuing endorsements and recom-

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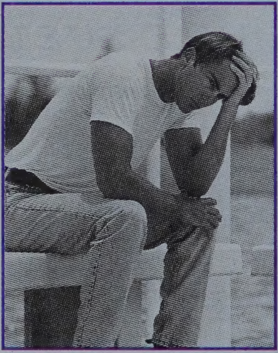

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"It's hard to build a case for a ticket with a large number of candidates who are relatively unattractive on any scale," she said, noting the difficulty of having to throw support behind a gay-positive but less-than-viable candidate like Steve Langford, who was endorsed by GEP but lost his gubernatorial primary bid by a significant margin. "I think GEP would do well in terms of its personnel, financial and volunteer resources, to decide we're going to make candidate X or candidate Y our races…."

Woolard suggested making "some hard decisions about a couple of key candidates" to get behind and then decide to deliver money and volunteers in races in which "we have everything at stake in this state," notably, in her opinion, the effort to keep Guy Millner out of the Governor's Mansion.

"She's absolutely right about focus, but I think it ignores other races that are equally important," Knox told Etcetera after the meeting. "We have been focused in races where we think we can make a difference and in issuing early endorsements in the primary. I think it helped get candidates like Mary Margaret Oliver and [defeated Fulton County Commission hopeful] Dean Chronopolous into the run-offs. But right now it's difficult to think that we could raise a significant amount of money out of the community for a specific candidate…. I think we can work closely with candidates we endorsed for statewide office, turn out the votes in our database, get out voter guides and other activities we've traditionally done."

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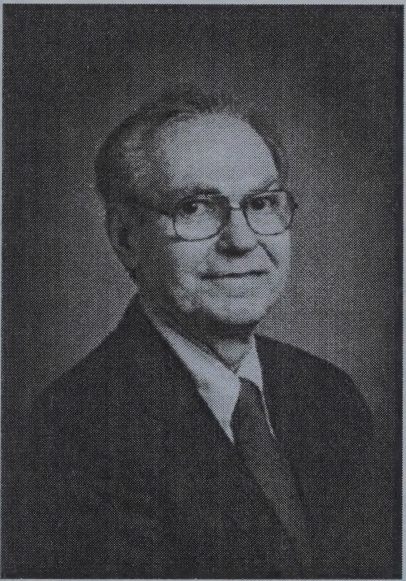

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✶Did your gaydar go off like mine did when you saw the terrorist Bin Laden on the news?

✶Well, since we want to change Pride to another time of year, why don't we put Christmas in July, Easter in September and maybe Thanksgiving could be changed to May.

✶There's nothing wrong with circuit parties, but anyone who takes GHB is an IDIOT!

✶I'm an 18-year-old gay woman who wants to be more active in the community and meet people, but there are no bars that admit 18-year-olds, so where do we hang out?

✶Yes, there are gay men in Atlanta who wear Aqua Velva and don't live in trailers. I wear it and am a contractor who lives in a home that I built for myself.

✶Looking for monogamous, non-alcoholics? You'll find me in the grocery store, anywhere but the bars.

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✶Thank you to the cute blonde guy in the black jaguar who turned my wallet in after finding it!

✶Bill Clinton, don't you think it's about time we had a Consenting Adult Privacy Law in this country?

✶If there really is a kingdom of heaven, the Rev. Amos Moore will find that he doesn't have a key to the gate!

✶Is every gym doll and muscle boy on steroids, or what?

✶If an idle hand is the devil's workshop, then why is masturbation a sin?

✶To sex, sex and more sex: the big deal is AIDS!

✶The average straight marriage is about as deep as a thin crust pizza. They have a lot of nerve claiming their relationships are superior to ours.

✶Why is it that the most unloving, dysfunctional and violent families you see on the news always have a big cross hanging on their living room walls?

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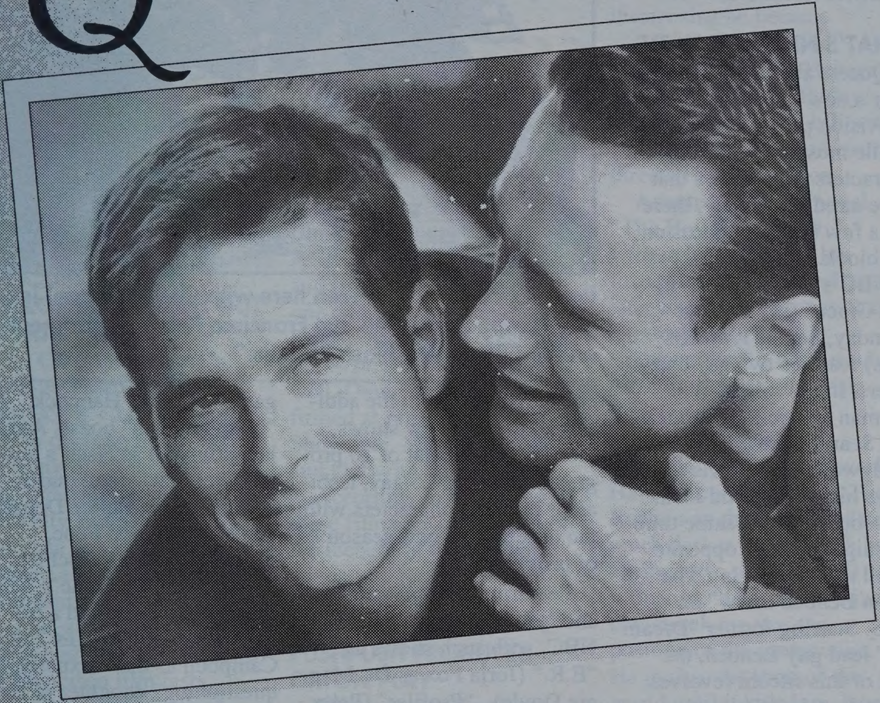

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HOMOPHILE

by David A. Moore

CBS

Patrick Fischler (right, seen here with Cheech Marin) is a gay receptionist in the San Francisco Police Department on the CBS series "Nash Bridges."

WHAT'S NEW IN GAY TV

Queers abound in this year's new fall season of television programming. While most are returning characters from shows that have aired previously, there are a few fresh gay faces on the block.

NBC's new show "Will and Grace" (set to debut Monday, Sept. 21, at 9:30 p.m.) features two gay characters. In the role of Will Truman is Eric McCormick, and Sean Hayes ("Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss") plays his good friend Jack.

Debuting at the same time and night directly opposite "Will and Grace" is "The Brian Benben Show" on CBS. Starring former "Dream On" lead guy Benben, the plot of this sitcom revolves around a television newsroom and features an openly gay weather forecaster named Billy (Luis Antonio Ramos).

Research with national media representatives have confirmed that with the addition of the two new shows, there will be a total of 20 programs featuring 25 gay, lesbian or bisexual characters with the onset of the new season of programming.

Featuring the bulk of gay and lesbian characters is NBC, with such shows as "E.R." (Jorja Fox as Dr. Maggie Doyle), "Profiler" (Peter Frechette as George Fraley) and "Suddenly Susan" (Bill Stevenson as Pete), among others.

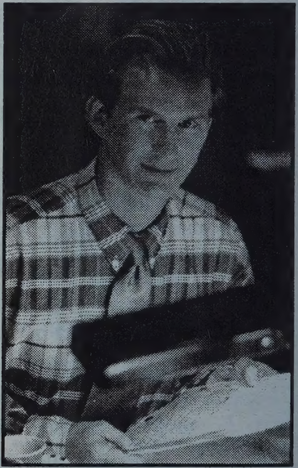
Cliff Lipson/CBS

Hurricane Mary's a-comin': Luis Ramos (center) plays gay weathercaster Billy in "The Brian Benben Show."

ABC, while no longer carrying "Ellen" (Lifetime Television is carrying the program in reruns), does continue with Ben Jorgenson as Kevin Sheffield on their daytime soap "All My Children." On "N.Y.P.D. Blue" Paige Turco appears as lesbian officer Abby Sullivan and Bill Brochtrup is set to return with the new season, recreating the role of John Irving.

On the regular CBS ratings grabber "Chicago Hope," Vondie Curtis-Hall is the openly gay Dr. Dennis Hancock. "Nash Bridges" boasts Angela Dorhmann as Nash's lesbian sister Stacey and queer San Francisco Police Department receptionist Pepe, played by Patrick Fischler.

Showtime's "Linc's," which centers around a bar and its owner, features Tisha Campbell as the "sexually questioning" daughter of the establishment's proprietor. "Rude Awakenings," also



ABC

The boy's back in town: Bill Brochtrup returns to "N.Y.P.D. Blue" for the new season.

from Showtime, includes Rain Pryor as Jackie, a lesbian acquaintance of Billie Frank (Sherilyn Fenn). At HBO there's “Sex and the City,” with Willy Garson as Stanford Blatch, good lesbian friend to Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker).

In addition to the programming included here, check the Homoculture Calendar for other programs.

IMAGE AND ETCETERA ANNOUNCE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH OUT ON FILM

Out On Film: Atlanta's Gay Film Festival will take place Oct. 8 - 11, beginning with an opening night screening of “Relax It's Just Sex,” starring Jennifer Tilly, Lori Petty and Mitchell Anderson in a story that revolves around love and relationships in the '90s. The film had successful screenings in both Los Angeles and San Francisco film fests. Other films in the festival include “Like It Is,” a British coming-of-age story about a macho boxer who comes to term with his sexuality (starring Roger Daltrey) and “Sticky Fingers of Time,” a sci-fi lesbian thriller about a lesbian novelist who goes to sleep in the '50s and wakes up in the '90s.

Thanks to Showtime's viewers with no premium cable can view “Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City” in its entirety over a two-day period.

From World of Wonder creative whizes Randy Barbato and Fenton Bailey (producers of “The RuPaul Show”) come “The Real Ellen Story,” a documentary about the cancellation of the acclaimed ABC series, and “Party Monster,” a chilling documentary that examines the downfall of murderous New York club kid Michael Alig.

Presenting sponors of the film fest are once again IMAGE Film & Video Center and Etcetera magazine, with one addition. Metropolitan Deluxe has signed on as one of the presenting sponsors as well. Other sponsors confirmed at press time include Showtime, Milano's Pizza and Outwrite Books.

According to organizers, these films are just the tip of the iceberg in the festival, which will feature 16 screenings.

PUSHPUSH PRODUCES ORTON PLAY

“This was his first hit,” explains Tim Habeger, director of PushPush theater, in reference to British gay playwright Joe Orton. “It eventually propelled him into the ‘bad boy' of British theatre that he became.”

“The Ruffian on the Stairs,” directed by Habeger, opens at PushPush Friday, Sept. 4, on a double bill with Harold Pinter's “The Lover,” directed by Rob Nixon.

Adapted from the novel “The Boy Hairdresser,” written by Orton and his lover Kenneth Halliwell (who later murdered Orton with a hammer), “Ruffian...” centers around a hooker who turns housewife, her Irish thug lover Mike and a mysterious stranger.

Unlike Orton's later works, Habeger concedes that “The Ruffian on the Stair” had a much darker edge, which he attributes to the Halliwell influence. “One of the things that struck me was the position of the protagonist. He pushes the limit of the world until it kills him. Ironic that it would so mirror what

Scott Williams

David Harrell (center, rear) is “The Ruffian on the Stair” who invades the home of Mike (Mike Driscoll) and Joyce (Agnes Lucinda Harty) in the PushPush theater production of gay writer Joe Orton's play.

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Another ironic twist is the appeal of Orton's material to queer sensibilities of the '90s. "In a lot of ways, I think Joe Orton's work is a lot more 'out' in the '90s, than it was in the '60s," says Habeger. "Back then 90 percent of the audience wouldn't have understood the protagonist's sexuality. Now it's obvious. There are so many key words. Someone I know even said the dialogue set off their 'gaydar.'"

While Pinter's "The Lover" has no specific gay plot, this production of the play is significant for its director Nixon. This is the second Atlanta directorial effort for Nixon, who is also Etcetera's News Editor (see the Homoculture Calendar).

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

This Week

friday 9•4

The Peach International Tennis Championships
Gay and lesbian players from around the world compete in Atlanta at two different sites simultaneously. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free. DeKalb Tennis Center, 1400 McConnell Dr., Decatur and South Fulton Tennis Center, 5645 Mason Dr., College Park. 770-621-2699. Also 9•5.

"Fashion 2000: The Show of a Lifetime"
Fashion presentation followed by kick-off party. Part of Atlanta Black Gay Pride. 7:30 p.m. Wyndham Hotel, 125 Tenth St. 404-872-6410.

"Crimes of Passion"
PushPush theatre presents a double bill of Joe Orton's "The Ruffian on the Stair" (directed by Tim Habeger) and Harold Pinter's "The Lover" (directed by Etcetera's Rob Nixon). Wednesday – Saturday 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:00 p.m. $10. PushPush theater, 1123 Zonolite Rd. 404-892-7876. Through 10•4.

Marco Rossi
Adult film star makes an appearance. 11:00 p.m. The Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869. Also 9•5.

Raquel Lord
Local talent performs at grrlz "Pleasure" night at Club Jaguar. 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. Club Jaguar, 1231 W. Peachtree St. 404-874-5673.

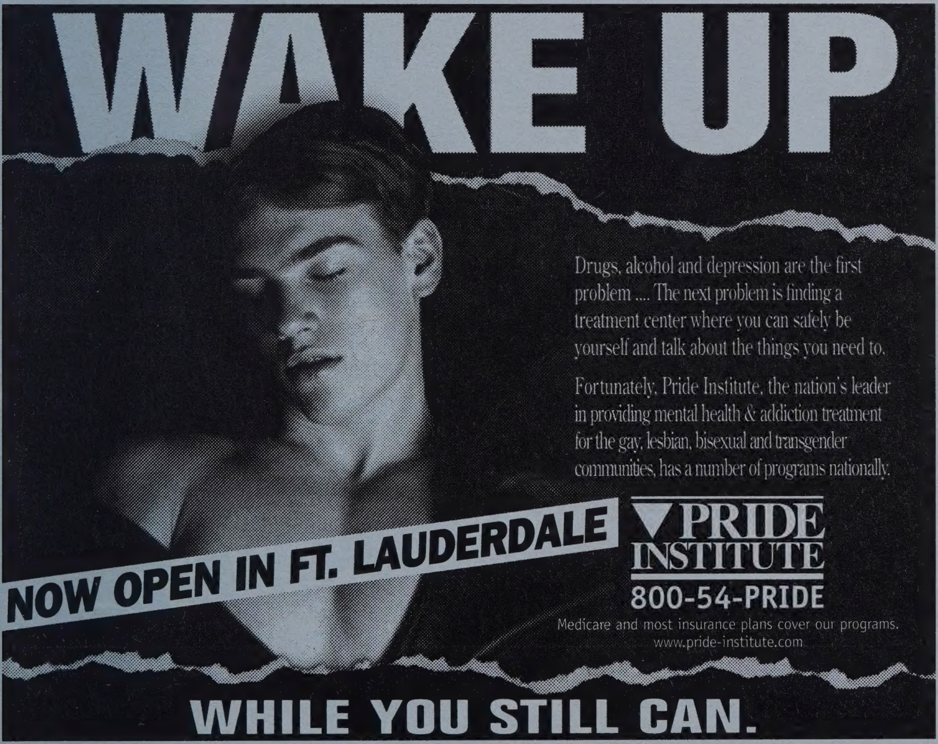
saturday 9•5

Video and Film Fest
Screenings of films include "Images and Perspectives," "Black Is, Black Ain't" and appearances by L.A. filmmaker Stefanie Wynne and Atlanta filmmaker Deardria Nesbitt. Part of Atlanta Black Gay Pride. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wyndham Hotel, 125 Tenth St. 404-872-6410.

Black Ink Writer's Collective
Includes a reading by author James Earl Hardy. Part of Atlanta Black Gay Pride. Noon. Wyndham Hotel, 125 Tenth St. 404-872-6410.

Black Gay Pride Artist's Exhibit
Collection of work reflecting the gay black experience in Atlanta. Part of Atlanta Black Gay Pride. 6:00 p.m. Wyndham Hotel, 125 Tenth St. 404-872-6410.

"Speakfire"
Erotica from the Black Lesbian and Gay Poet Society. Come 30 minutes early to



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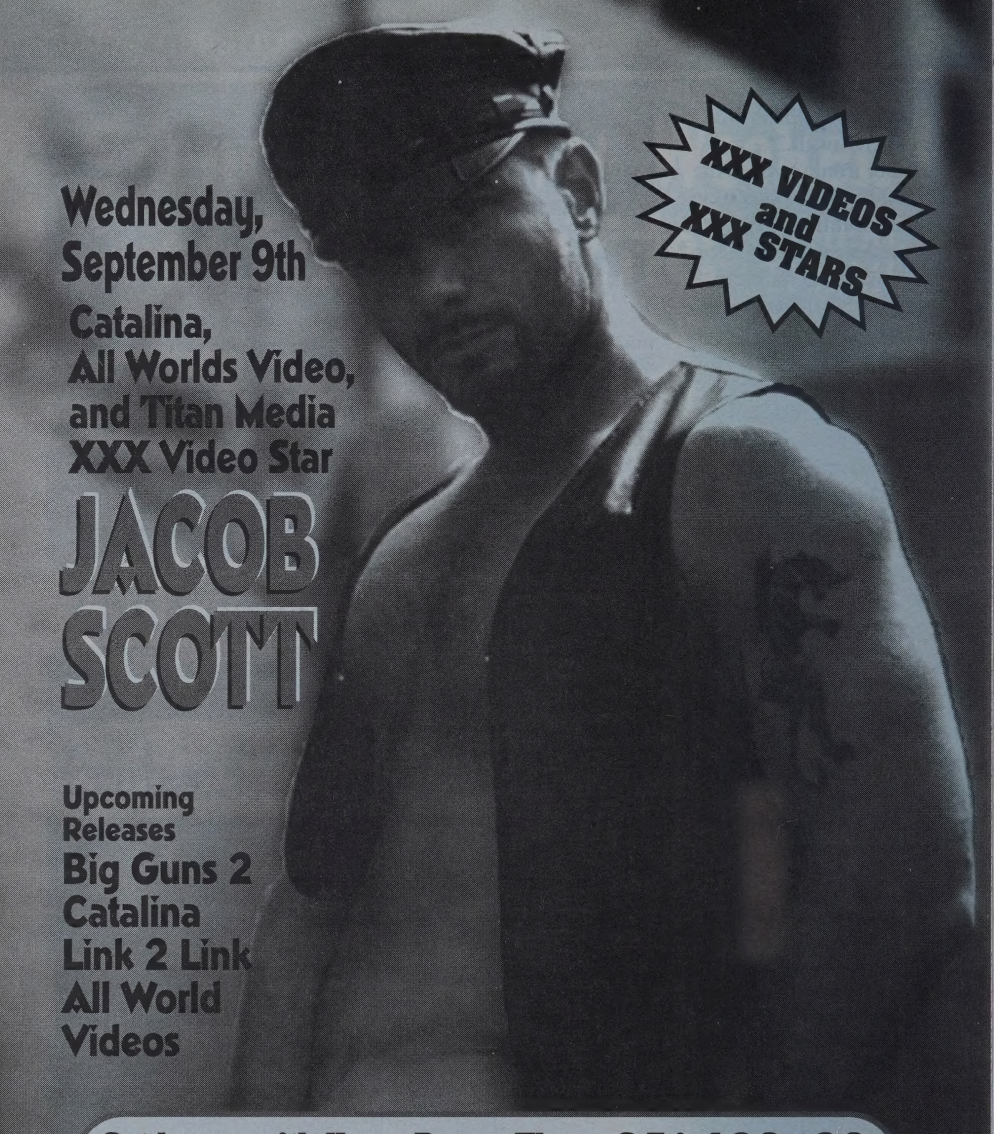

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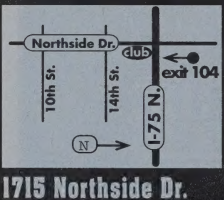

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sunday 9•6

The Peach International Tennis Championships
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"Wet and Wild Splash Party"
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Cabaret Showcase
Performance from local artists. Part of Atlanta Black Gay Pride. 7:00 p.m. Wyndham Hotel, 125 Tenth St. 404-872-6410.

thursday 9•10

Doria Roberts
Acoustic and rock with a soulful edge. 8:00 p.m. $5. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough St., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

"Della's Diner: Blue Plate Special Number One"
Restaging of the original installment in the country musical comedy soap series by Tom Edwards. Saturday 8:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. $12 – $18. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W. Trinity Pl., Decatur. 404-373-3904. Through 10•18.

Upcoming

friday 9•11

"Artland '98"
Gay art festival in the hills and valleys of Tennessee from the IDA (Idyllic Dandy Arts) Faeries includes camping, performance and much queer camaraderie culminating in the the queer performing circus Cirque du Surreal. IDA, 904 Vickers Hollow Rd. Dowelltown, Tenn. 615-597-4409. Through 9•20.

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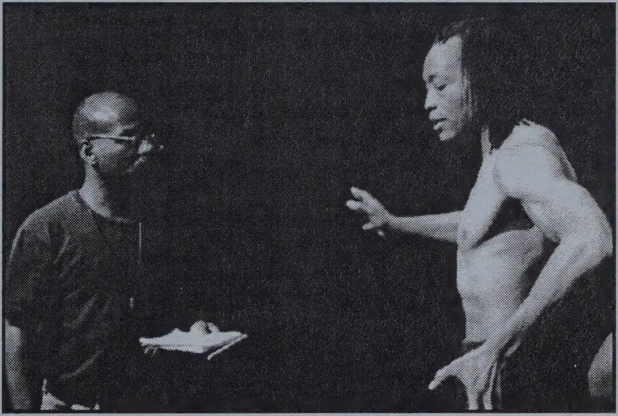
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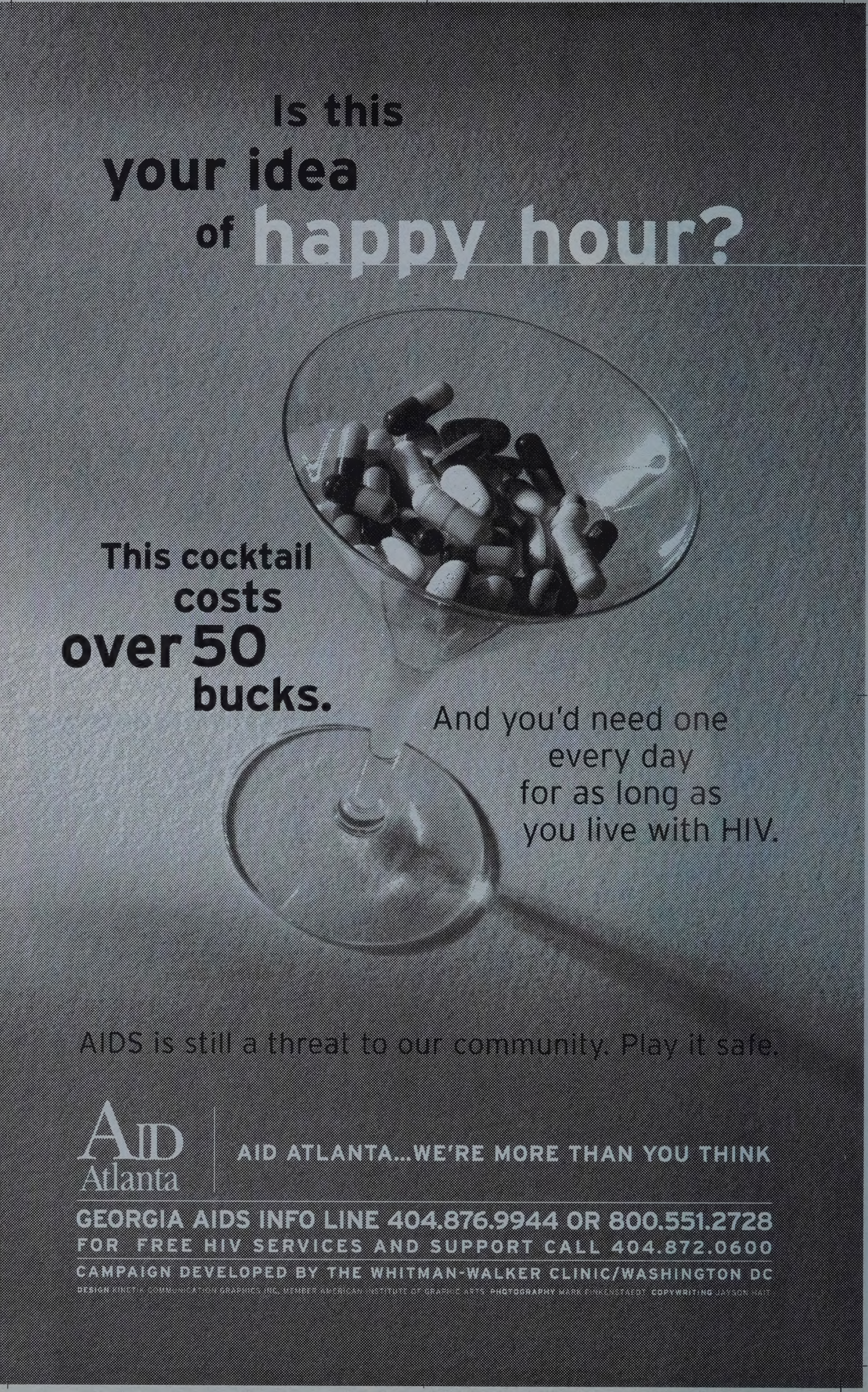

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saturday 9•12

Gracie and the Slipcovers
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"ArtParty '98: The Year of Love, Lust and Romance"
Fund-raising party for Nexus celebrates love in all its guises with art, music and fashion. 8:00 p.m. $25 – $75. Nexus Contemporary Art Center, 535 Means St. 404-688-1970.

sunday 9•13

Cowboy Envy
Dede Vogt, Renee Polikoff and Kathleen Hatfield are all a part of this female trio, which performs country and western tunes. 5:30 p.m. $6. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough St., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

wednesday 9•16

"Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida"
Benefit staging (for Project Open Hand and Project M.A.G.I.C.) of the new theatrical production from Elton John and Tim Rice, which centers around the Egyptian legend of three young people and their love for one another. Includes a cast party. $25 – $250. 8:00 p.m. Alliance Theatre, 1280 Peachtree St. 404-733-5000.

Andrew Sullivan
Author of "Love Undetectable" and former New Republic editor talks about his new book. 8:00 p.m. Outwrite Books, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082.

friday 9•18

"Touch of Evil"
Vintage noir classic from Orson Welles has a rerelease on the big screen. Includes Mercedes McCambridge as a latino lesbian. Also stars Welles, Marlene Dietrich, Janet Leigh and Charlton Heston (in Mexican drag).

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saturday 9•19

Michelle Malone
Longtime Atlanta resident and newly signed Velvel recording artist performs old and new favorites. 7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m. $8 for one show, $12 for both. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough St., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

sunday 9•20

Monkey One
Southern-fried rock and quirk from a cast of ongoing characters that includes (but not limited to) DeAundra Peek, Col. Lonnie Fain, Ralph Bailey and the Bailey Brothers. 11:00 p.m. $5. The Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

monday 9•21

"The Brian Benben Show"
Season premier! Former "Dream On" star Brian Benben plays a misplaced newscaster in this series that includes a gay weathercaster known as Billy (Luis Antonio Ramos). 9:30 p.m. CBS.

"Will & Grace"
Season premier! Sitcom includes a gay lead character (Eric McCormick as Will Truman) and his gay friend Jack (Sean Hayes from "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss"). 9:30 p.m. NBC.

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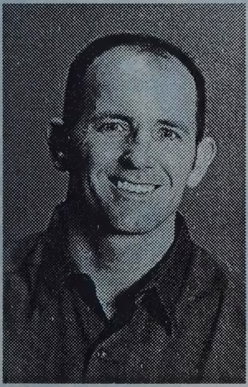

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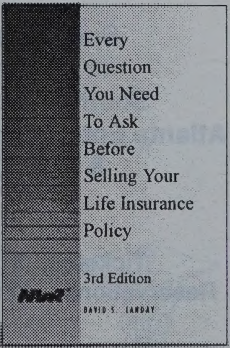

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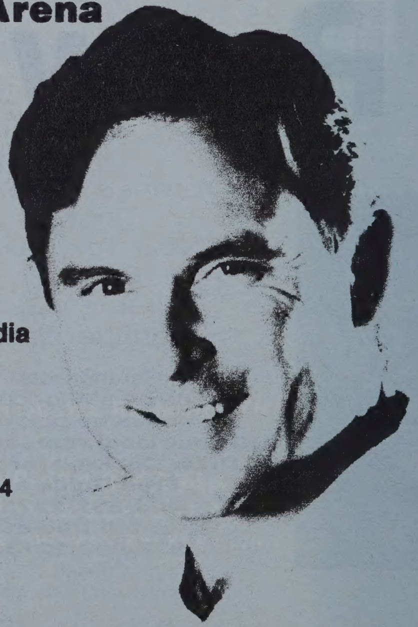

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"Your Friends and Neighbors"
Jason Patric, Ben Stiller and Nastassja Kinski star in this film about three guys and three girls and their intertwining relationships. Kinski has a lesbian romance.

"Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss"
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"The Opposite of Sex"
Christina Ricci plays a manipulative teenager bent on destroying everything that gets in her way, including her gay half-brother's life. Excellent performances from a superb cast that includes Martin Donovan, Lisa Kudrow and Ivan Sergei.

visual arts

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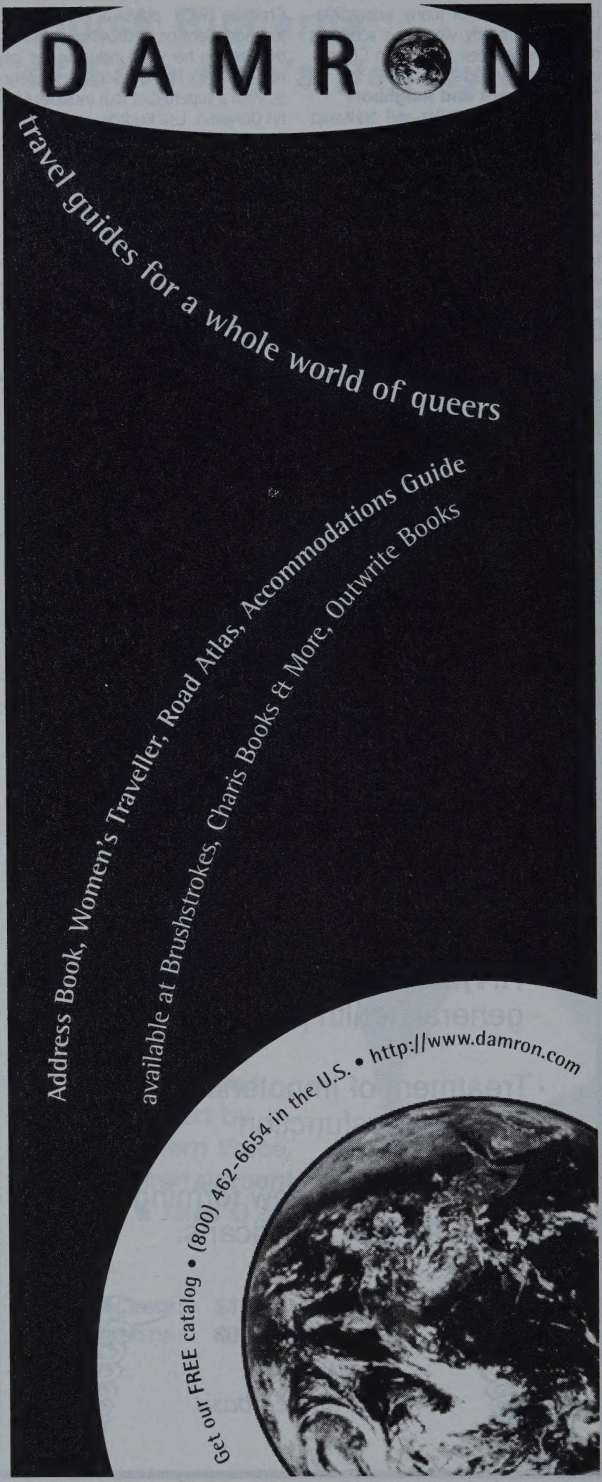
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Dan Henigman
Collection of "Hollywood Abstracts" captures artist's view of personalities and performers such as Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball and others in acrylic on canvas collage. The Big Red Tomato, 980 Piedmont Ave. 404-870-9881. Through 12•6.

tv/radio

friday

"Alternative Talk"
Talk and music show surrounding issues of importance for Atlanta's African-American gay and lesbian community. Hosted by Rudy Carne. 6:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.7 FM.

"Homicide: Life on the Streets"
Gritty detective show features Kyle Secor as bisexual Tim Bayliss. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

"Ooh La La"
Funky public access show features drag, commentary on political issues through satire and more from the twisted mind of Linda Paris. 10:30 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Tuesday 11:30 p.m.

"The American Music Show"
The longest running show on public access in America delves into the local celebutante scene and features guest appearances by various drag queens. 11:00 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Saturday 11:30 p.m.

"DeAundra Peek's TV Show"
Local monotone drag diva DeAundra Peek and cohost Duffy Odum offer music videos, cooking tips and more. 11:30 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Saturday 11:00 p.m.

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"X-Cellerator"
Progressive club music show hosted by Yvonne Monet from Nashville. 11:00 p.m. WNNX – 99.7 FM.

"Profiler"
Peter Frechette plays gay computer hacker George Fraley, who hunts serial killers for the FBI. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

"Linc's"
Drama features Tisha Campbell as the sexually questioning daughter of a bar owner. 10:00 p.m. Showtime. Repeats Thursday 10:00 p.m.

"Rude Awakenings"
Rain Pryor plays Sherilynn Fenn's lesbian friend. 10:30 p.m. Showtime. Repeats Thursday 10:30 p.m.

"The RuPaul Show"
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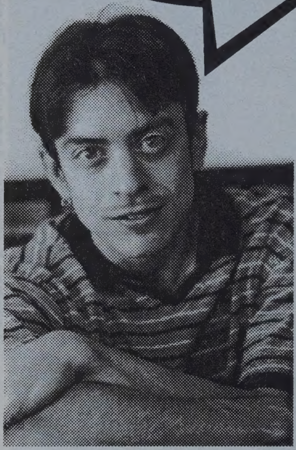

Divas and the gay men who love them

by Micah McCoin

I recently returned from my first trip overseas. I'm not the traveling type, but this was a special occasion. What, you might ask, would possess a homebody like me to fly a quarter of the way around the world? Well, being gay as I happen to be, the answer should be obvious: I had anopportunity to meet and see my favorite diva in all her glory.

I spent a week in London, where I soaked up the atmosphere and reveled in the culture shock. Mainly, though, I was there with my beloved fan club to see two up-close concerts and to be graced by the presence of one Miss Janet Jackson.

Far be it from me to generalize, but we gay men love our divas. From older guys who couldn't get enough of Judy Garland down to young teens who love them some Monica, there is an affinity between female singers and gay men that is difficult to explain. So I'm going to put off trying to explain it as long as possible and tell you about my trip instead.

I arrived in London with the expectation of meeting about 30 other gay guys and maybe one or two straight ones. This forecast was not mere stereotype. In conducting my Internet Janet business (yes, sadly, I devote a portion of my valued time on "business" relating to my diva of choice), I have met other male fans who inevitably, upon the smallest bit of conversation, revealed that they were gay.

I didn't pry into everyone's personal life, but my estimates were not too far askew, from what I gleaned. Our first night in London, my roommate on the trip and I wandered into a large gay club off of Oxford Street. (I forget the name, but it was an impressive place, nonetheless.) After hanging out there for an hour, we happened across three other guys who were also in town with the fan club. For you mathematical types, that immediately catapulted the gay constituency to about 17 percent without even asking around. One of the guys exclaimed, "Is everyone on this trip gay?" I just smiled, because it certainly wouldn't have been a shocker to me.

Of course, we were allowed to hold court with our diva. Janet met all of us on the trip very briefly backstage before the second show. Janet, in all honesty, is not a true diva. True divas (I'll name no names - you can fill in the blanks) come equipped with ego trips and attitudes. We Janet fans are proud that our diva is actually the *un*-diva, down-to-earth and friendly.

She proved herself to be just that. The meeting was brief but memorable, especially for us starry-eyed gay guys. We were rushed into the common area of the dressing room, ten at a time, and each of us were given a moment to meet and greet our lady before a photographer snapped a quick picture and we were whisked into the wings.

All right, enough procrastination. Why do we love Janet, Madonna, Whitney and the rest? The answer that seems to hold up best is that gay men have an appreciation of women in general. Not that straight men don't - it's just that they either get thrown off-track by physical attractiveness or swallow their admiration to leave room for machismo. I long ago lost count of the number of conversations about Janet (we're on a first-name basis, now that I met her and everything) that took a sharp left turn: "Man, you like Janet Jackson? Yeah, that's my girl. I'd love to get up in some of that...." What comes after that is hazy...that's usually when I start to get queasy and ask about the weather.

You see, people tend to make role models and idols out of people like themselves. The more closely we match up with a celebrity in sex, race, age and cultural background, the more likely we are to look to that person as an example for ourselves. So, it's only natural that most guys will idolize other guys. By extension, I do understand that makes us a big bunch of girls.

Of course, one of the defining characteristics of gay men is increased contact with our feminine sides, and I think diva worship is part of the way we channel that connection. Therefore, though many of us have feminine ways, that doesn't make us girls; it makes us girl-appreciators.

Or, to be more proper, women-appreciators. Not that most of us have to be drilled on proper respect for all women. The fact that we appreciate our divas for their strength, talent and dignity, in addition to their beauty, signifies a more unbiased way of thinking about gender. We have our screwed-up moments, to be sure, but here's one lesson we have to teach.

After all, I flew a quarter of the way around the world to meet a lady for ten seconds. Is that appreciation or what? ▼

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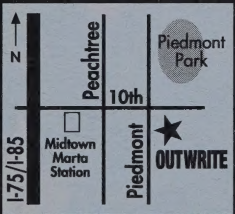

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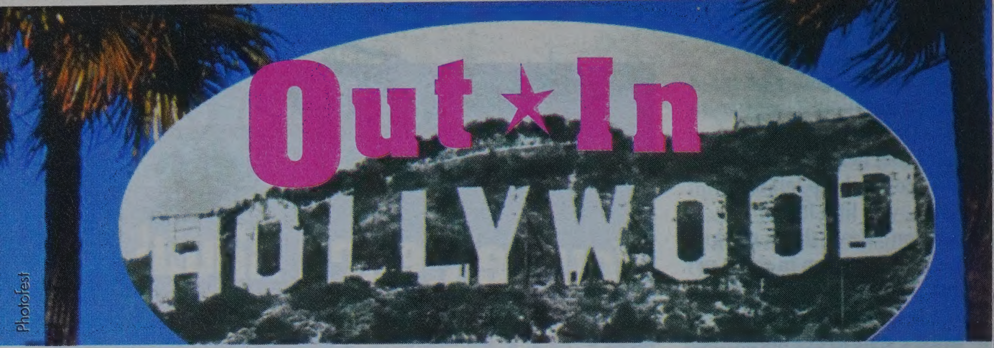
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Out★In Hollywood

by:RomeoSanVicente

TAKE IT OUTSIDE!

Autobiographical works seem to be in vogue these days, and newly outed singer George Michael is not one to miss a trend. So his upcoming greatest hits CD (slated for an October release) will include a new song, "Outside," in which the Wham! graduate addresses the subject of outdoor sex.

Michael, you'll remember, was arrested in Beverly Hills last spring for lewd conduct when an undercover police officer discovered him masturbating in a park bathroom.

BIG SCREEN BOY

Comeback hopeful Boy George's autobiography "Take It Like a Man" is being turned into a feature film by the husband-and-wife producing team Erica Spellman-Silverman and Ethan Silverman. Casting has just begun, but there's no chance Boy will be playing himself.

In other '80s icon news, Brooke Shields returns to the big screen in next year's British feature "The Misadventures of Margaret," in which the former teen idolette plays a lesbian. Finally, a woman will get in between Brooke and her Calvins.

DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL

Tori Spelling seeks to reinvent her wholesome reputation with a revealing interview in October's Playboy, where the 90210 star says she would love to have a threesome with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. Other tidbits from the

Maybe the threeway-loving Tori Spelling (right) should look into helping Brooke Shields (left) with her Calvin Klein jeans.

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interview: She enjoys stripteasing by herself in front of a mirror; she is a member of the Mile High Club; and Madonna has the best cleavage in show biz.

HOT RUMOR OF THE WEEK

Maybe this item is the project of someone's overheated imagination, but Boston boys Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are rumored to be hitting the range in Gus Van Sant's "Brokeback Mountain," the story of two gay cowboys in love.

Van Sant directed the pair in "Good Will Hunting," so the rumor may not be as outlandish as it seems. Despite delusions to the contrary, Damon and Affleck have been the very models of heterosexuality in their private lives.

PAGING WONDERBRA

Jamie Lee Curtis, who, like many of us can't understand why they're remaking "Psycho," told a reporter that she's equally confused about the casting of Anne Heche in the role her mother, Janet Leigh, made famous. Curtis said she can't see the "Return to Paradise" star filling out her mom's bra. And no, she wasn't approached for a role in the Gus Van Sant remake.

Meanwhile, Anne's lover is returning to the stage. Ellen DeGeneres is currently working on a new HBO comedy special and plans to resume stand-up full-time.

Her former nemesis, Jamie Tarses, the deposed ABC-TV honcho, deserves some credit for passing on the troubled new Nathan Lane sitcom, "Encore! Encore!" The show is having problems in reconciling Lane's "feyness" with his role as a womanizing former opera singer. Last spring, Tarses nixed purchase of the pilot by her network because she said the producers should just come out and say Lane's character is queer. No one will buy that he isn't, she said. We'll find out later this month.

TAKING ON THE TRASH

Legendary gay director John Waters will have the camera turned on him in the documentary "Mondo Trash," set for release next year from director Steve Yeager.

In the meantime, Waters is promoting his new film "Pecker," hitting theaters Sept. 25. As usual, the Baltimore-bred director has assembled an intriguing cast of young actors, featuring Christina Ricci ("The Opposite of Sex"), Edward Furlong ("Terminator 2"), Martha Plimpton ("Running on Empty") and Lili Taylor ("I Shot Andy Warhol").

Furlong plays Pecker, a Baltimore boy whose raw amateur photos attract the attention of a New York art dealer (Taylor). Pecker's shock snapshots of rats fornicating and his little sister eating a Fudgesicle lead to his becoming the art

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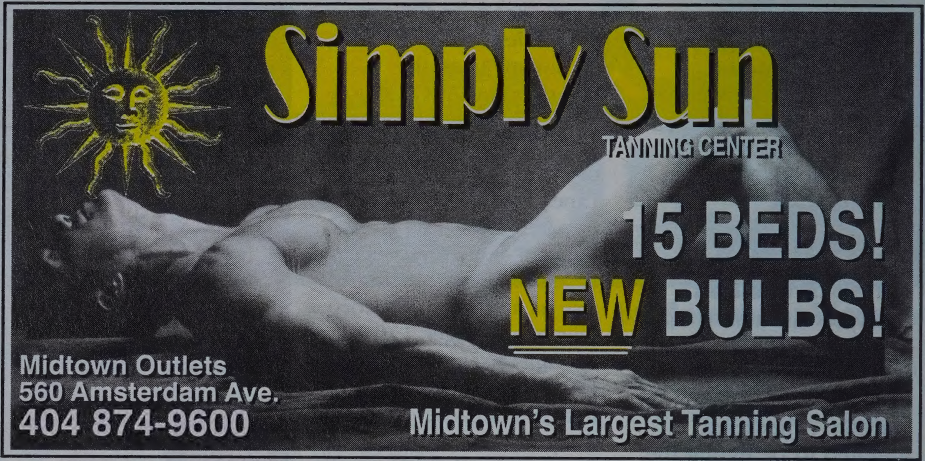

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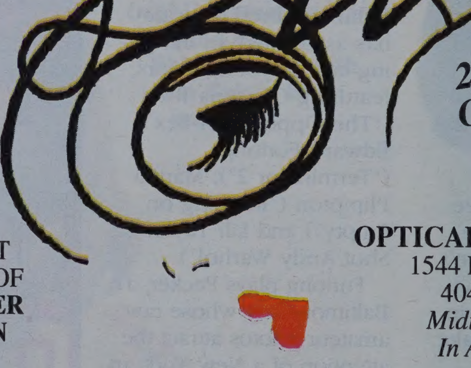
And, of course, Patty Hearst has a small role, as she has in all of Waters' '90s releases, this time as a freewheeling Big Apple art patron.

BRUCE VILANCH'S COMING OUT PARTY

He's not a household name, but chances are you've laughed at his jokes. Openly gay writer Bruce Vilanch, best known for his writing stints for the Oscars, is the subject of a new documentary by director Andy Kuehn. "Get Bruce!" features interviews with many of the performers Vilanch has written for, including Bette Midler, Billy



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Crystal, Robin Williams, Carol Burnett and Whoopi Goldberg.

And Vilanch will be taking occasional turns in front of the camera in this fall's syndicated revival of "The Hollywood Squares," which will feature Goldberg in the coveted center square, which, of course, was the former home to gay comic Paul Lynde (and in a later incarnation, Jim J. Bullock). But perhaps it will be Vilanch, one of the creative forces behind the new "Squares," who will attain the title "A Paul Lynde for the New Millennium." Methinks we need one already!

CHAD ALLEN GROWS UP

The baby-faced star of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" is engineering a career makeover that has him starring as a gay, HIV-positive junkie in the new play, "Change at Babylon," now showing in Los Angeles.

Twenty-three-year-old Chad Allen, outed by the Globe tabloid two years ago when it published pictures that vividly detailed his presence at an all-male pool party, dies nightly in the play, which explores life, love, drugs, drinking, sex and death among friends on New York's Fire Island. I'm sure Chad's done plenty of research for this one. ★

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VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)* A change of pace usually creates a change in headspace, and a change in headspace is what you most need right now. You're stuck in a rut. Change your schedule, change your pace, change your sheets, just change.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* Can you say *busy*? Well, chances are that you're too busy to bother playing games. But despite all the dustballs you're kicking up, to the rest of us you look more like a hamster on a wheel. Spin, baby, spin! When you get done with your ride *to nowhere*, feel free to sort out your head and figure out how you can actually get something accomplished.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Wow, can one person possibly smile more than you have been smiling lately? It's very doubtful! Your world is expanding in leaps and bounds as you discover the thing you've sought for a long time. This is not a time to look for faults…not that you are. Just accept that your life is perfect, and keep grinning.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* New stimulus is coming your way, which is never a bad thing for the ever-searching Sagittarius. This is a time for sensory input. The goal is not to make sense of the things you're learning or even to find a practical place for them. Just gather the information right now. You'll know how to put it all together soon enough.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)* Some downtime has you looking at issues that you've been awfully good at avoiding up until now. Some circumstances are beyond your control, and as much as that drives the Goat crazy, it's sometimes the only thing that works to get you to see what you need to see. Sure, you could yet find a way to get out of what you know you need to do. But why not do the right thing instead?

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)* Life has thrown you a few speed bumps, but isn't it great when everything falls into place? This week consider the good things in your life; don't to dwell on the bad things. Friends and loved ones express to you just how much of a difference you make.

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PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* A blast from the past has you taking a look at an old situation and realizing that it doesn't look quite the same now as it did then. As we change our perspectives change. If a mode of representing yourself is no longer working for you, feel free to try on another set of clothes. I bet that Stevie Nicks shawl will look quite becoming.

ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* Did you ever feel like you've been walking around in a fog? The problem is we rarely know that until the fog lifts, which it's doing for you this week. Flexibility is the key as you find that things around you aren't quite what you thought they were last week.

TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* Life requires just the right combination of work and play, and it looks like you may have hit on just such a combination! So why do you feel that gnawing sense of dissatisfaction creeping in? Well, being the perfectionist that you are, you've always got to be thinking of next week. The problem is, that sometimes ruins exactly what you could be enjoying right now.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* You're the hummingbird of the zodiac, flitting along 90 miles an hour, buzzing so fast the rest of us can't keep up with you. This week your hormones are going about that fast as well, and though you may find it quite enjoyable, be aware that your actions do have consequences. Don't drink the nectar from someone else's flower.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* The best part about a new romance is seeing the full potential of yourself. This is the time when your darkest walls are torn down; your deepest dreams are built; and all things are possible.

LEO (*July 22 – Aug. 21)* Things take a turn for the surreal in your life, but you'll get back to solid ground soon enough, if you just plow through. You're easily distracted right now, so the more often you can remind yourself of your destination, the more likely you are to reach it.

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Joe Thomas

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DiverseCity Records' Joe Thomas.

Joe Thomas might just be a Renaissance man. The Newark, N.J., native is not only a computer programmer with security clearances from such government high places as NASA, he is also an African-American gay man who loves music. This love of music led to the creation of DiverseCity Records, an Atlanta-based record company set on widening the boundaries of popular music and giving unknown minority musicians a chance at being heard. Run from Thomas's home in Austell, DiverseCity is a one-man show.

DiverseCity's motto is "make the move to where music lives." Thomas explains that the label is dedicated to offering "positively charged music with an eclectic mix of styles that appeal to a world audience." The label plans to develop products in three main areas: vocals, electronica and choral. The30-something Thomas is set on crossing all demographic boundaries. He wants to appeal to everyone with music that contains "memorable melody lines or lyrical ideas."

This goal is one that has always been with Thomas. And how he got here is an intriguing story. He grew up on the riot-ridden streets of late 1960s Newark, "while trying to avoid being hit by a stray bullet," he recalls.

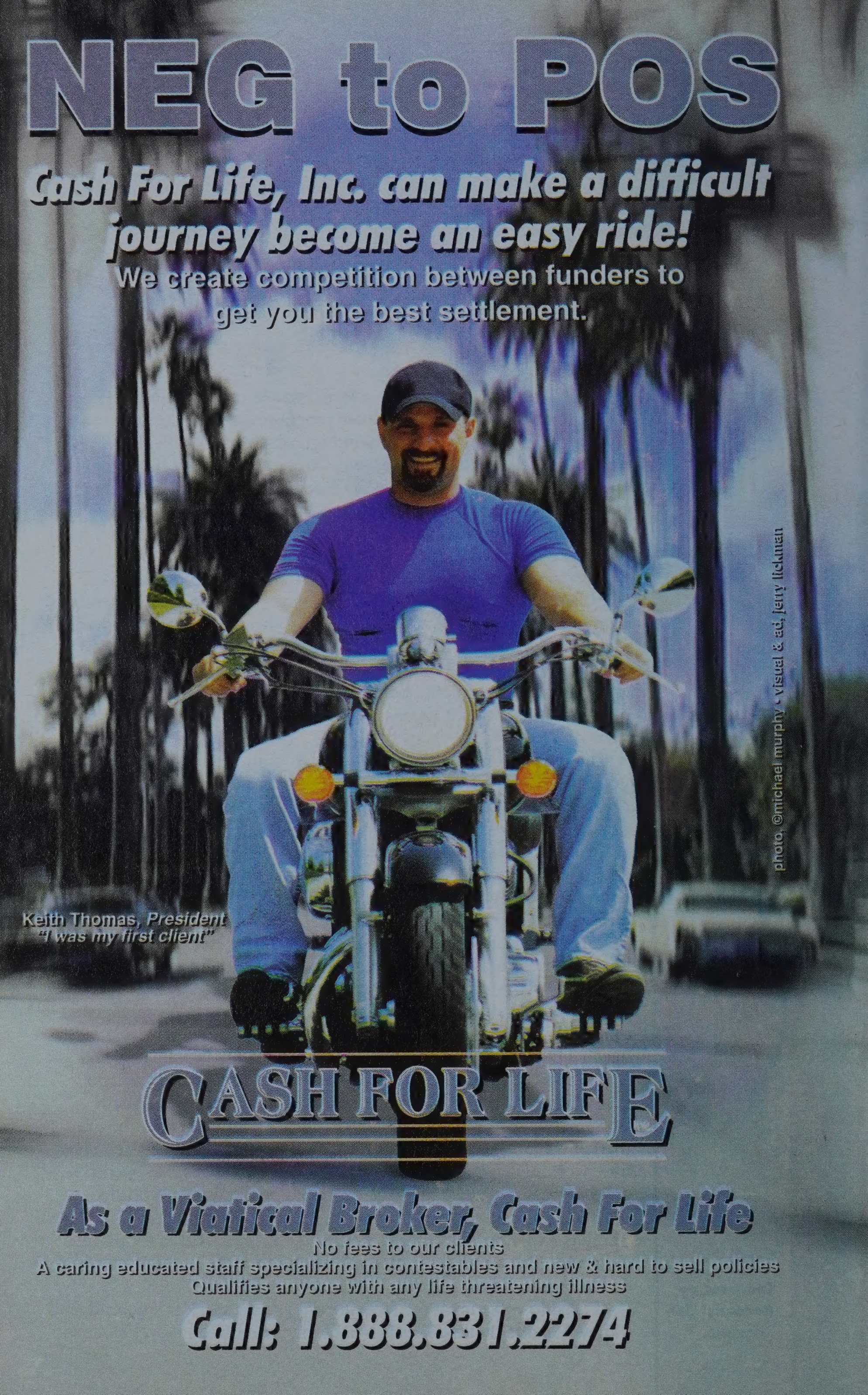
Thomas spent much of his early years working with his father's sound system business. As a kid, he helped promote and produce shows by such groups as Kool and the Gang, the Moments, the Unifics and Blue Magic.

"This exposure to the entertainment industry is why I want to be a successful entertainer and develop new talent," Thomas says.

In elementary school, Thomas began playing music. He played brass, woodwindsand keyboards. After receiving a lesson scholarship to the Newark Community Center of the Arts, his love of music became the driving force in his life. He played in school bands and jammed with friends in his spare time. But he knew music was no guarantee for a successful financial future, so he headed to North Carolina for school. With a degree in electrical engineering, the job market was wide open. He threw away his musical passions and spent time working for the Navy and various technical firms. He opened several businesses. The money was good, but he did not feel fulfilled.

"Technology and music have always been my two loves," Thomas explains. "But I have never wanted to be the starving musician type. The technology side allows me to make enough money to do the music. I now put all my money into DiverseCity.

"I used to wake up in the morning with songs stuck in my head, and I knew I had to do this. This is what I am meant to do: develop artists,



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produce and write. I want to be both in front of and behind the scenes." With the strong financial base from his computer work, Thomas was able to found Urgent Message Music, a production and publishing company, in 1992. He cites the influence of such writer/producers as Motown's Ashford and Simpson, Atlanta's Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, Quincy Jones and Pet Shop Boys as inspiration. He became president of the Atlanta Songwriters Association in 1996 and spent time volunteering with music industry groups such as the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Early this year, Thomas officially began DiverseCity.

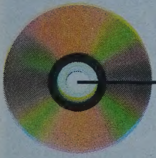
"I want to do non-stereotypical music. I started the label to balance the image of minorities in the media. I want to put out positive messages and images of minorities and subcultures," he says.

"The dominance of rap in the '90s has made black music lose its lyrical messages and melody. It's very exploitative - there are no positive ideals or expressions. My stuff is more old school. I want to concentrate on lyrics and melody. I want to attract a mature audience."

Thomas feels that "gay" music has also become trapped by stereotypes.

"People think gay music is not very good," he said. "People think it is very mechanical. Techno and disco are not very melodic. People really fail to look at the variety in both the gay and black music scenes."

The label is currently promoting two albums. The first, "Body Language" by Detroit-based keyboardist Jeff Sova, is a unique blend of melody and ambient beat. Though Sova is neither gay nor a minority, Thomas was so impressed by his musical-ability and personality that he quickly signed Sova as the first DiverseCity artist. The label's second project, "Carols, Revels and Holiday Cheer," is a live recording of a Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Christmas concert. (After 17 years of performing, this is the Chorus' first album.) Thomas fully supports each of the artists on his label by providing full production, packaging and advertising, something most small labels are not able to do.



DiverseCity's first two CDs are Jeff Sova's "Body Language" and The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus's "Carols, Revels and Holiday Cheer."

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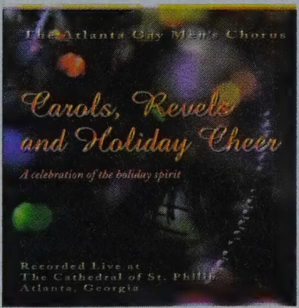
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Next year, the record label will release a contemporary vocals compilation called "It's All Good (Any Way You Slice It)," a gospel/inspirational collection entitled "Faith," an electronica album by Ciphyre and a record by Thomas called "Just What the Doctor Ordered." With national distribution from Rock Bottom, Goldenrod and Ladyslipper, Thomas seems to have his affairs in good order.

"It's frustrating to see blacks talking down on gays…," he says. "It's a shame we have to keep going through these battles every time someone steps out of the shadows. All men are created equal and that meanseveryone.

"Most people don't know I'm gay. I don't have a tattoo on my forehead, and I'm not effeminate. Gay people don't know where I stand. They tend to be stand-offish with me. But 'gay' almost never comes up in the industry. Someone recently asked me if putting out the Gay Men's Chorus album would hurt the label, and I told him, 'People like that are small, and I don't need their money.'

I do tell people I'm gay, but I want people to look at my work and at me as a person. It's important to make that point."

But all in all, Thomas's plan is a noble one.

"I just want to maintain my ideals. I want to bridge the gap between the artistic side of the industry and the business side," he says. "I just hope I don't become my own worst enemy. I want to make all this music accessible to people and make it identifiable in the process. I put out music I am proud to put out." ▼

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"Next Stop Wonderland"

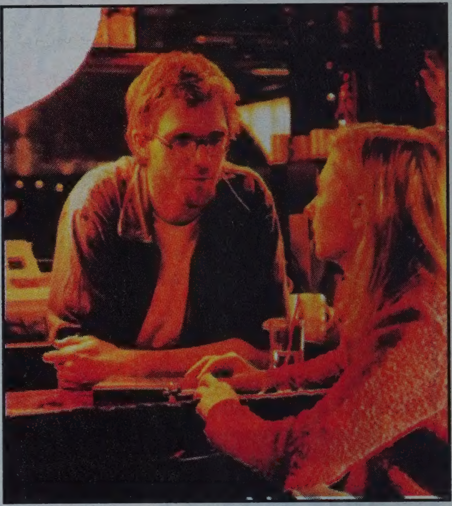
The year thus far has left behind many forgetful films, and you may decide that "Next Stop Wonderland" should be added to that list. "Next Stop…" was purchased by Miramax for $6 million during last January's Sundance Film Festival. While the film is charming and at times will elicit a giggle out of anyone who finds it playing at a theater near them, it seems hardly the type of movie worth spending $6, let alone $6 million on.

Directed by Boston area native Brad Anderson whose, previous foray in the director's seat was the dreadful "The Darien Gap," "Next Stop…" is set in, well, Boston. The film centers around a nurse (the forgettable Hope Davis) and ex-plumber (promising newcomer, Alan Gelfant) who live parallel lives and whose paths never seem to cross. Since this is a movie, of course they end up together in a "Sleepless in Seattle" kind of way.

The film is infused with an assortment of minor characters including a stereotypical gay male nurse and an Italian mafioso type.

If you want to catch "Next Stop Wonderland" at a theater, see it very soon because its next stop is going to be the video store shelf.

Now playing in Atlanta.
– Tim Nasson



Claire Folger/Miramax Films

Director Brad Anderson on the set of "Next Stop Wonderland" with Hope Davis.

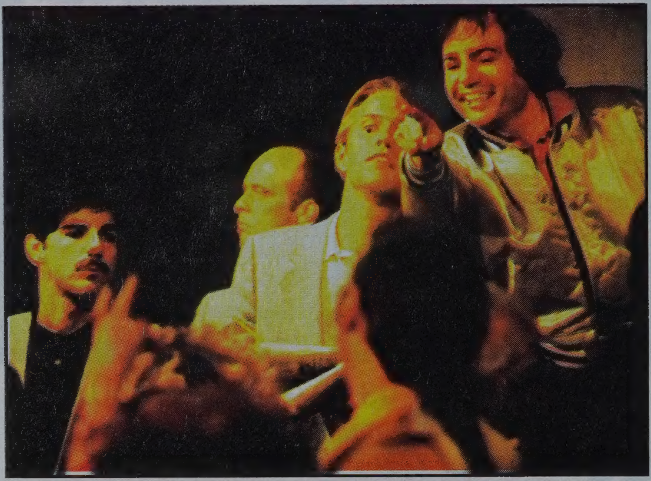
"54"

In a world before anybody had ever heard of AIDS, the beautiful people of New York's underbelly and elite came together on the dance floor at Studio 54.

In Miramax Films' "54" we're shown a time that was particularly decadent in nightlife history: models, artists, actors, Hollywood powerbrokers, drug dealers, New York's upper class and avant garde drag queens all mingle together. In a land where bartenders and door people became instant celebrities, seemingly everyone is as high as a kite night after night.

Writer/director Mark Christopher does an ample job of capturing the hedonism of the period, however, one does feel the presence of an oh-so-slight whitewash.

The film's story centers around the experiences of a young New Jersey-ite named Shane O'Shea



Kerry Hayes/Miramax Films

Mike Myers (top) plays Steve Rubell whose infamous club is the subject of "54."

(Ryan Phillippe). Fed up with life in the burbs, he sets his sights across the river on a new nightspot known as Studio 54. "That place is full of queers," mutters one of Shane's neighborhood buddies. Apparently Shane is unfazed by the observation, as he makes his way to the club and gains entree when Steve Rubell (Mike Meyers) picks him out of the crowd. "Not in that shirt," Rubell tells Shane, who promptly removes it, giving Rubell the eye full he's after.

Inside Rubell's world Shane makes new friends, drug buddies and sex partners while climbing the inner-club social structure from barback to bartender. Here's the revisionist part: Aside from a few scenes of obligatory same-sex coupling and actors playing celebs of the period like Warhol, Halston and Truman Capote, the only queer with more than two lines Shane encounters in his new found clubland is Rubell.

Apparently legend among staffers at 54 for his drug use and putting the moves on employees (in one scene a drunken Rubell, wallowing in a pile of money, propositions a straight barback and then vomits all over the money), Rubell turns the tables on Shane who offers himself to the club owner in hopes of getting a bartending position. "You want me to give you a better job?" asks Rubell. "I'm the one that should be unzipping my pants." Shane quickly retreats, but gets the job anyway.

In the end, Rubell's world comes crashing down around him amidst a drug and tax evasion scandal that lands him in the pen for a two-year stint.

Kerry Hayes/Miramax Films

Some of the Studio 54 haze depicted in director Mark Christopher's film.

While the lack of queer content in the film is disappointing, one must look at the New York club scene and Rubell's own mindset for the ultimate answer. Studio 54 never touted itself as a gay or straight club and Rubell himself was never one for labels. "I'm not gay either," Rubell says to a busboy named Greg (Breckin Meyer). "I just wanna' suck your cock."

In a time and place where there were thousands of stories, this was only one. It'd be nice to see another.

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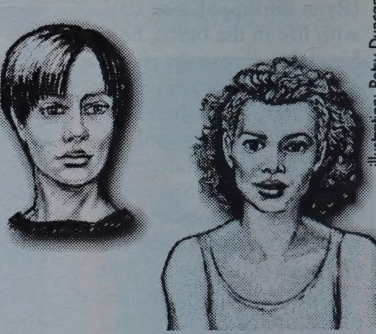

Illustration: Patsy Duncan

Sitting in the coffee shop, Cherri was scared. She knew that breaking it off with Tammy was the right move. But she was worried she would have a few black-and-blue bruises to mark the occasion. Her fundamental reason for breaking up was Tammy's involvement in the S&M community. Images of the party Cherri was taken to where a young women was tied to a rack while her butch girlfriend flogged her was seared on Cherri's retinas forever.

"I just hope Tammy gets here before I lose my nerve," she thought.

Minutes later, Tammy walked in. She was still in her cop uniform. She looked good and knew that Cherri liked to see her in her uniform.

"Hi, Babe," Tammy said as she sat down.

"Hi. It looks like you didn't make it home to change?" Cherri inquired.

"No," Tammy replied. "Do you want a refill?"

"No. I'm okay."

As Tammy walked to the counter to get her coffee, Cherri took a deep breath and said a little prayer to her goddess. "So far, so good," she thought. If Tammy didn't go home, she couldn't know that Cherri had already moved out. Cherri had been planning the break-up for the past two weeks. All her winter clothes and important papers went to Juan and John's apartment last week. The joint bank account was closed yesterday so no matter what Tammy said or did, the relationship was over. But sitting there watching Tammy, Cherri was wondering if she was making a mistake.

When Tammy returned, she began to ramble about how awful her day was. "How typical," Cherri thought. "She won't even ask me about my day."

"So, why did you want to meet here anyway?" Tammy asked. "I thought we were doing something with Lynn and Lyn tonight."

"No, I had to cancel."

"Why?"

There was no easy way to say it. Cherri had practiced a million ways, but none sounded right. Her heart was beating so fast that her hands were shaking. She couldn't even look up from her coffee.

"You bitch!" Tammy declared, a little too loudly. "You're breaking up with me, aren't you? Oh, this is perfect. This explains everything: why we haven't had sex, why you are always at work or with Juan and why you have been so distant. Jesus Christ, Cherri! What's her name? I'll kill her."

Cherri could feel her adrenaline pumping as she looked up and said, "This is just like you to blame our problems on someone else. *You* are our problem."

"What is her goddamned name?"

"There is no one else. This relationship is over because of you." At hearing herself say 'the relationship is over' Cherri felt sad because it sounded so final.

"What did I do?"

Cherri gathered her courage and said, "Do you want the list? I wrote one last night, and at the top of the list is that you are self-centered and care about no one but yourself. Hell, your parents even tell you that."

"Where is this coming from?" Then Tammy figured it out. "Oh, this is about the sex show, isn't it?"

Cherri looked down at her coffee again. Then Tammy reached over and grabbed her chin and shouted, "Answer me!"

"Take your hands off me, people are looking."

"I don't give a shit. If you thought you would miss a fight because we are in a public place, you are more stupid than I thought. I'm a cop Cherri," Tammy taunted. "No one will come to your rescue."

Slowly and deliberately Cherri repeated, "Take your hands

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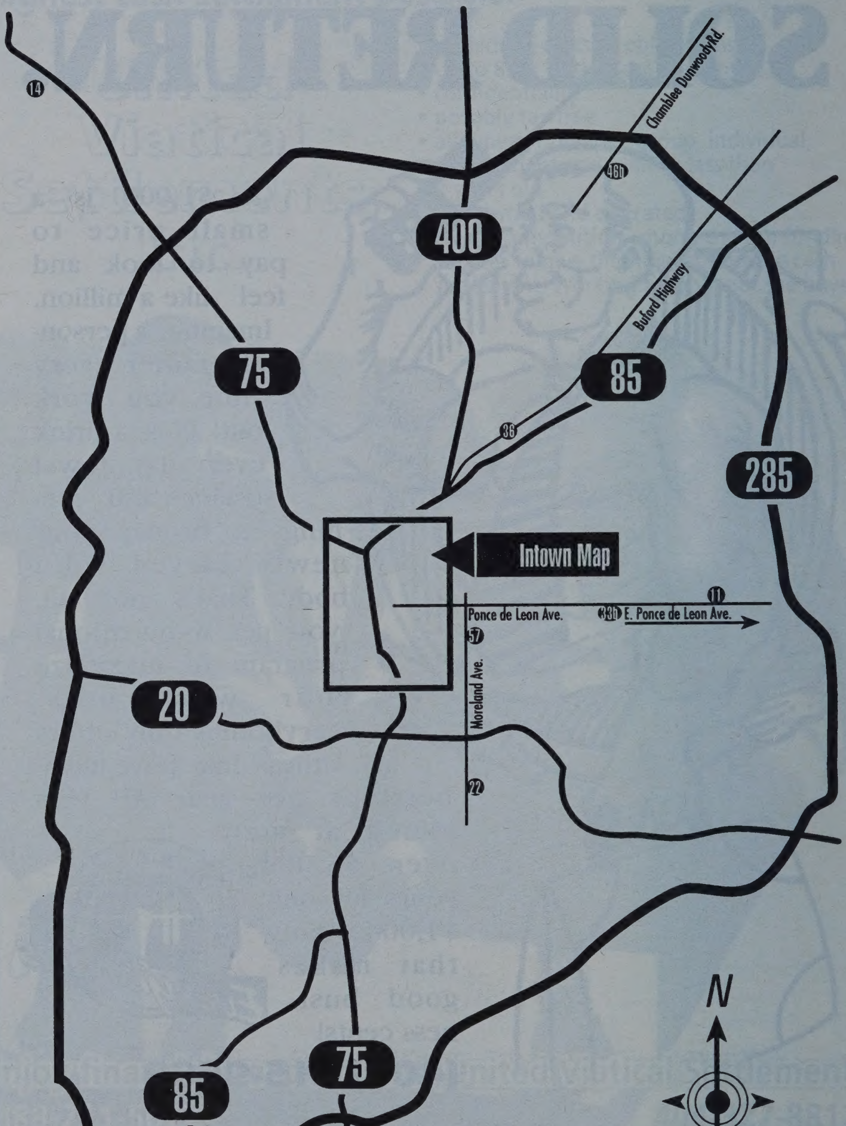
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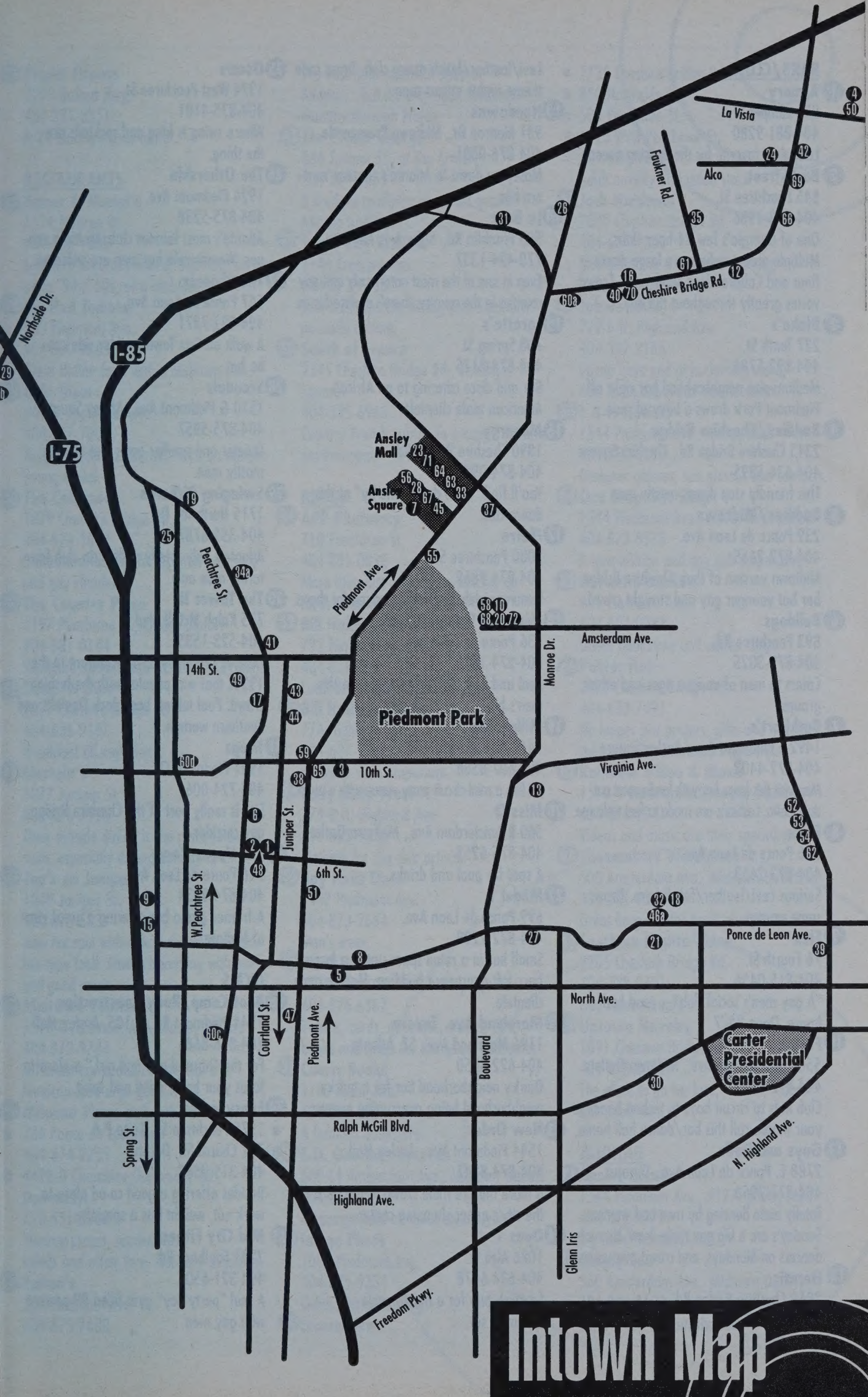
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Draggin' It Out

by Tina Devore

Dahlings! Now that I am completely recovered from the festive goings on of the last few weeks here in Atlanta, it's back to my regular routine of parties, gala openings, fashion shoots and, of course, ballet class. Ah…the perils of an aged actress between scripts!

As all of Atlanta gets ready for a huge Labor Day weekend, many clubs are planning to blow it out with specials too hot to miss. One such club is The Metro. On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5, they will welcome, direct from New York City, everyone's favorite Italian Stallion, **Marco Rossi**. This will mark the porn star's much anticipated return engagement after a long absence from public appearances. I'm told he's hot to trot. While you're there, say hi to lovely new Latin waitress and showgirl **Cassandra**.

The Armory's Divas will be putting on special shows over the holiday weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), featuring latest addition **Sierrah Foxx**, **Motion**, **Jonel**, **Monica Layne**, **Crystal Evins**, **Sox with Attitude** and special guests. On Sunday night, the infamous Armorettes take the stage at 9:00 p.m. in a show that will keep you laughing well into Monday morning.

I'm told that you can now find Drag in Cobb County! Yes, dahlings, LeBuzz now features shows every other Thursday night with **Jessica Deneuve**, **Darion Colby**, **Kitt Katt** and **Patti Cakes**.

Please allow me to be the first to welcome Miss **Lisa King** back to our city. A former Miss Gay Atlanta, Miss Gay Georgia and Miss Gay USA, Lisa was a huge influence to me and many other entertainers who were lucky enough to have been touched by her presence. Though she is not currently performing, who knows what tomorrow brings!

I recently received a very inspirational note from the beautiful **Nicole Ellington Dupree** of Charlie Brown's X-rated Cabaret. In this business, it is not often that people take time out to lend support and encouragement to one another, so please let me say thanks to Nicole, and keep up the good work. By the way, your new promo picture is fab.

Congratulations are in order for yet another Nicole. This one, **Nicole *Luv* Dupree**, recently placed first runner-up in the National Entertainer of the Year contest in Louisville, Ky. One of the most talented entertainers in the South, this girl is widely known for her exquisite acting abilities. The winner of EOY was **Daisy Deadpetals** (yes, you read it right) of South Florida.

In "Where Are They Now" news… **Taisha Wallace** is now living in her native Hawaii where she works as a photographer. Married (to a woman), Wallace, reportedly was in Atlanta recently for their son's high school graduation. No longer performing regularly, the former Miss Gay Atlanta and celebrated choreographer will always be remembered as Hawaii's gift to the mainland.

In other pageant news, Saturday, Aug. 22, Loretta's was the site for the Miss Black Continental Pageant. Second runner-up was **Erica Christian** of Chicago, first runner-up was **Yasmine Campbell Starr** of Alabama and the winner, Atlanta's own Nicole Luv Dupree.

I'm off to spend my Labor Day at the Miss Continental USA Pageant in Chicago, so until next we chat, dahlings, have fun and play safe, and remember no GHB!

If you have information for this column, call my Draggin' It Out hotline at 404-256-8559. Don't forget to leave your name and a number where you may be reached. ▼

HOMOCULTURE

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"Soap"
Controversial '70s prime-time comedy focuses on the lives of two sisters and their crazy families. Billy Crystal plays gay son Jody Dallas. 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Comedy Central.

"The Simpsons"
Waylon Smithers (personal secretary to the town Scrooge and nuclear power plant owner, Mr. Burns) mumbles about his closeted sexuality. 8:00 p.m. FOX.

"Sex and the City"
Thought-provoking comedy-drama about two 30-somethings features Stanford Blatch as Sarah Jessica Parker's queer friend. 10:00 p.m. HBO.

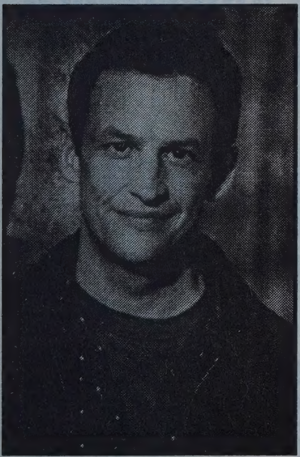
monday

"Teletubbies"
British children's show features a purple androgynous boy character that carries a purse and has a big inverted triangle on the top of his head. Monday – Friday. 9:30 a.m. GPTV.

"All My Children"
Soap opera focusing on the torrid lives of the mythical town of Pine Valley includes Ben Jorgenson as gay teenager Airs daily. (Kevin Sheffield). 1:00 p.m. ABC.

"Ellen"
Thought it was gone, huh? Reruns of the former ABC sitcom features openly lesbian Ellen DeGeneres in post- and pre-coming out Ellen Morgan shows. Two shows air daily back to back. 6:00 p.m. Lifetime. Repeats Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 a.m.

"Suddenly Susan"
Sitcom set in San Francisco with Brooke Sheilds as a magazine writer. Includes a gay character in the mailroom named Pete (Bill Stevenson). 8:00 p.m. NBC.



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Peter Frechette plays gay computer hacker George Fraley on NBC's "Profiler."

"Gay USA"
New York-produced gay and lesbian info and entertainment show. 11:00 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton.

tuesday

"Mad about You"
After Paul's sister Debbie (Robin Bartlett) got a divorce she came out and found love with Joan (Suzie Plakson). Now the two are recurring characters. 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"Spin City"
Michael Boatman plays a gay assistant in the office of a fictitious New York Mayor. Sitcom also stars Michael J. Fox. 9:00 p.m. ABC.

"Frasier"
Radio-station comedy includes a recurring gay food critic named Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbert). Also stars openly gay actor Dan Butler as "Bulldog" Drummond. 9:00 p.m. NBC.

"Nash Bridges"
Don Johnson vehicle includes Angela Dorhman as Nash's lesbian sister Stacey and Patrick Fischler as gay receptionist Pepe. 10:00 p.m. CBS.

"N.Y.P.D. Blue"
Paige Turco plays a lesbian police officer and Bill Brochtrup returns to play gay character John Irving. ABC.

wednesday

"Party of Five"
Thought-provoking human drama series includes an occasional appearance by gay actor Mitchell Anderson as the gay violin teacher Ross. 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"Chicago Hope"
Hospital drama with gay doctor Dennis Hancock (Vondie Curtis-Hall). 10:00 p.m. CBS.

thursday

"Gay Graffiti"
News and information for the gay and lesbian community. 7:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.3 FM.

"Friends"
Sitcom about a group of college graduates and their crazy New York lives. Occasionally features a married lesbian couple (Jane Sibbet as Carol Wylick and Jessica Hecht as Susan Bunch) with a child. 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"Veronica's Closet"
Sitcom with Kirsty Alley includes a gay-ish assistant Josh (Wallace Langham) 9:30 p.m. NBC.

"E.R."
Top-rated medical drama features Jorja Fox (Dr. Maggie Doyle) as a lesbian physician. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

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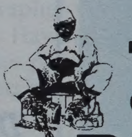

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off me," as she pulled away, using her arms to separate them. "If this is going to get ugly, I am leaving"

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"There is nothing to talk about. This relationship is over." Cherri stood, and tried to act unafraid.

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Cherri kept walking.

"You'll never get your stuff!" Tammy yelled.

Cherri kept walking.

"I'll ruin you."

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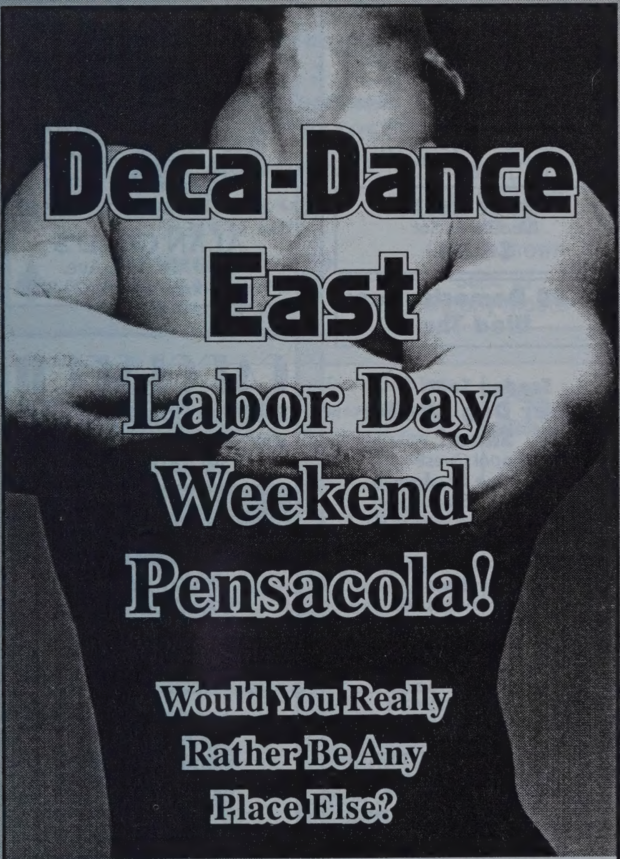

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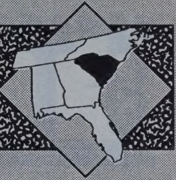

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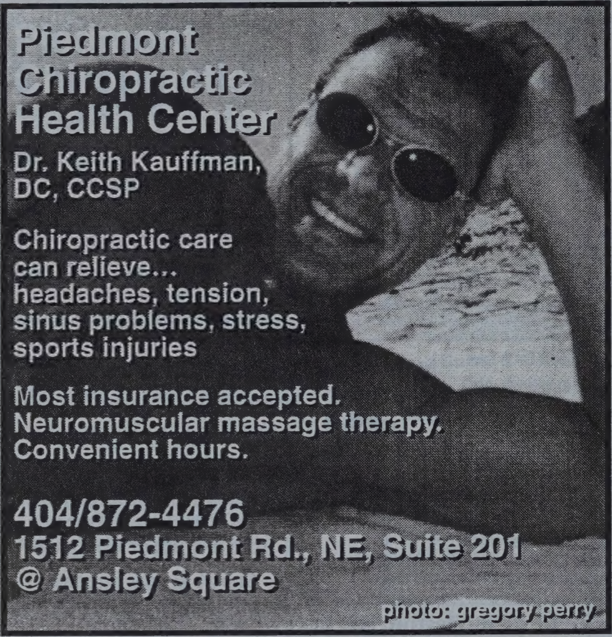

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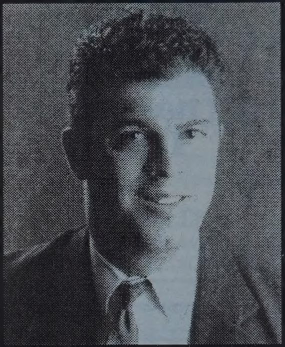

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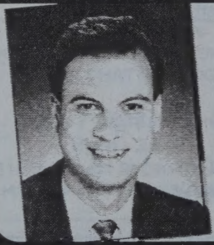

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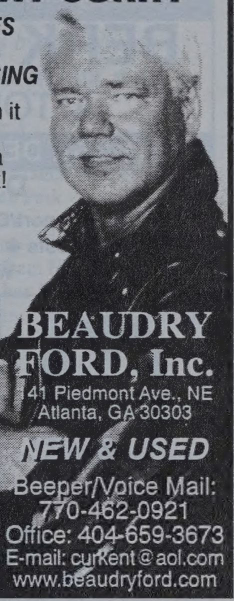

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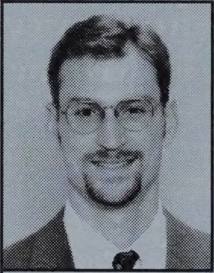

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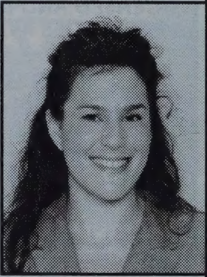

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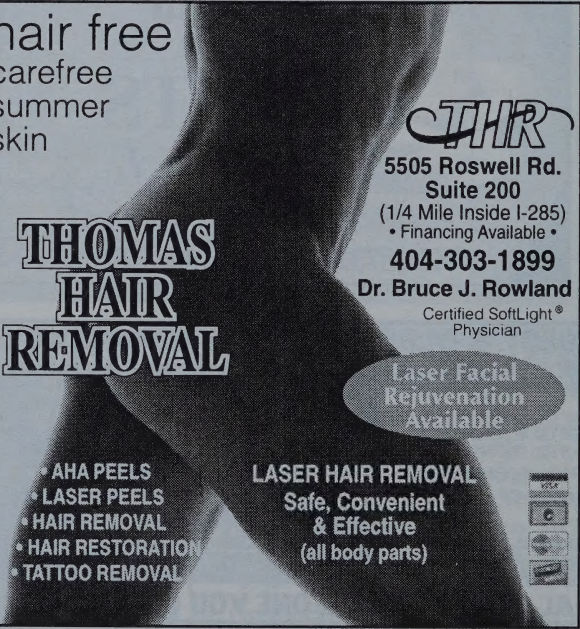

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Southern Country Atlanta. Tenth Anniversary Weekend. Sept. 18-20. For info call 770-908-7480. [38]

SOUTHEAST PRIDE GUIDE

compiled by Rob Nixon

ATLANTA BLACK GAY PRIDE

September 3

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil and Remembrance Celebration; John Howell Park

September 4

6:30 p.m. - Welcome reception; Wyndham Hotel, Midtown

September 5

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Health and Wellness Symposium and Cultural Arts Festival; Wyndham Hotel

September 6

11:30 a.m. - Interdenominational worship service; Unity Fellowship Church of Atlanta

2:00 p.m. - Family Reunion Picnic; Piedmont Park

3:30 p.m. - Dedication of African-American/Hispanic Memorial Quilt; Piedmont Park

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NASHVILLE

September 16

Spirituality Night

September 17

7:00 p.m. - Mixers for African-American, Transgender and Bisexual Communities followed by a come-together social; Chute Complex

September 18

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Pride Premiere Party; $25

September 19

11:00 a.m. - Pride Rally; Legislative Plaza, dowtown

Noon - Parade; step-off from Plaza to Riverfront Park

1:00 - 7:00 - Celebration; Riverfront Park

September 20

Noon - Pride Community Picnic; Shelby Park

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ATLANTA FREEDOM MARCHING BAND. Rehearsals resume Aug. 21 for the fall season. Trumpet and percussion players especially needed, all musicians and auxiliary members welcomed. 404-622-0666 or www.lambda.net/~afmb [37]

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED! The 3rd National AIDS Housing Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Sept. 16-20. At least 100 volunteers are needed for registration, hospitality, room monitoring, special events (Gay Bingo, comedy night, concert) and more! Volunteers who provide at least 8 hours of service may attend sessions free and will also get a complimentary ticket to the Sweet Honey in the Rock concert on Sept. 18. All volunteers will be honored at a post-conference party on Sept. 20. Call Chris Parsons, Conference Volunteer Liaison: 404-885-6800, ext. 231 or parsonsc@aidatlanta.org. [38]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southern Country Atlanta Reunion registration every 3rd Sunday at Hoedowns. Room is limited, so register early. T-shirts also on sale. [38]

2ND SUNDAY is a support organization assisting in the growth, development and empowerment of gay, bisexual and transgendered men of African descent through educational, social, spiritual and cultural activities. Discussion meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Call 404-325-7321, or email 2ndsunday@secondsunday.org or more info. [37]

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Volunteer Program. If you or someone you know would like to be a volunteer for AIDS Education and Services for Minorities, please contact Delores Rollins at 404-753-2900 or by fax at 404-752-9610. [38]

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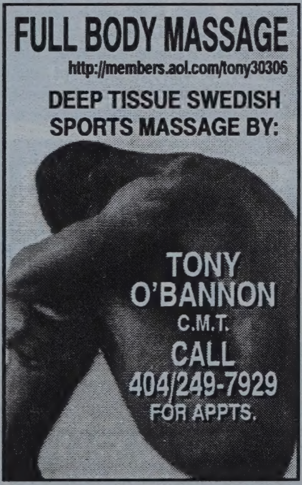

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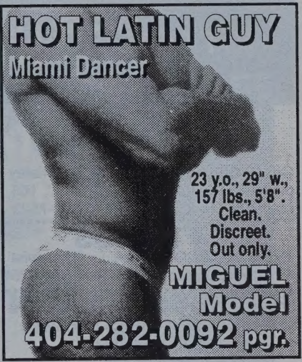

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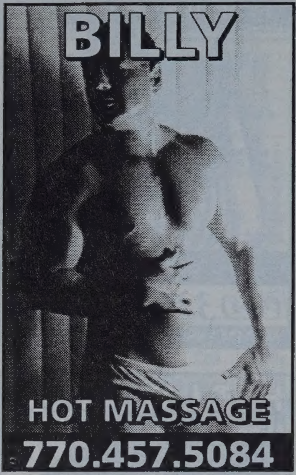
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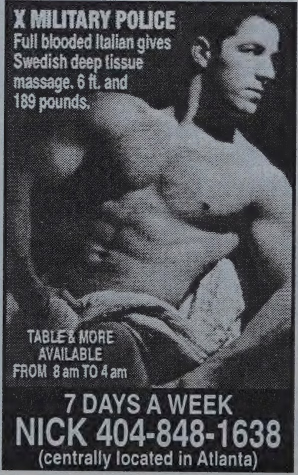
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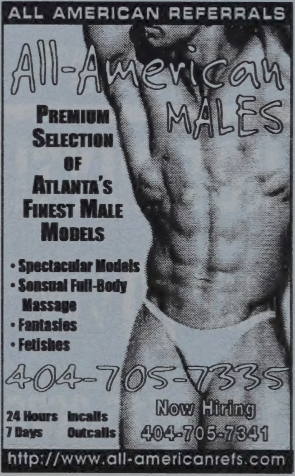
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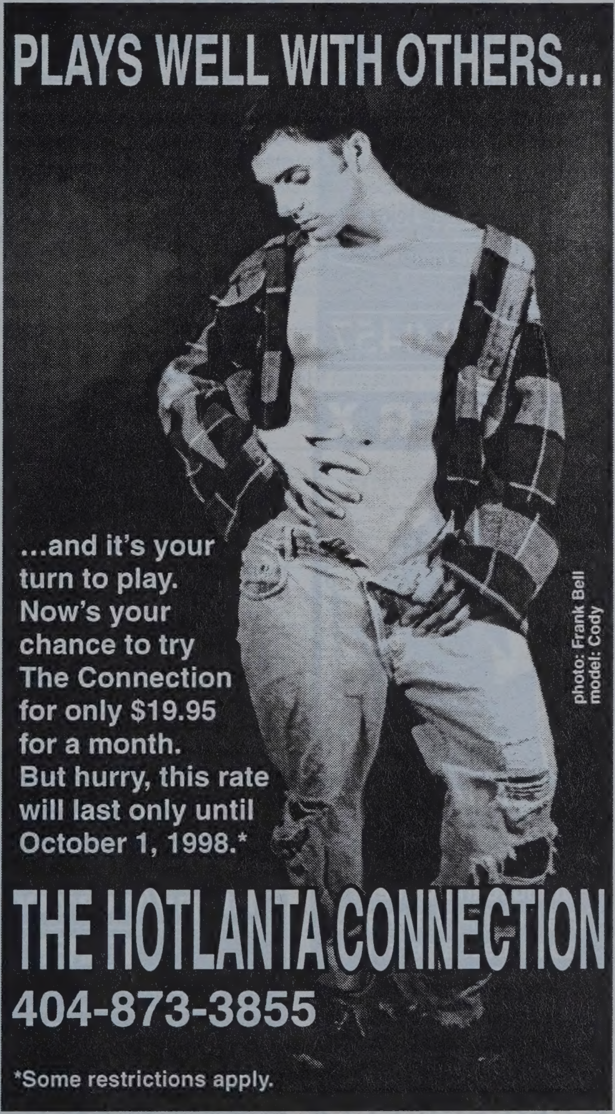

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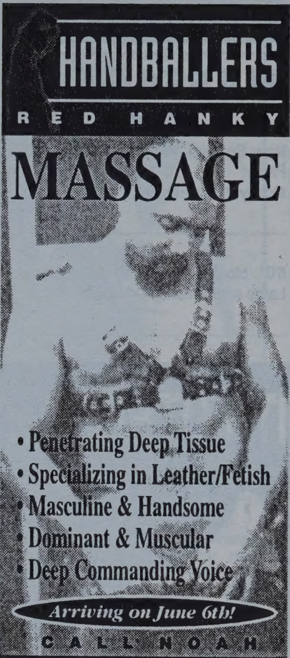
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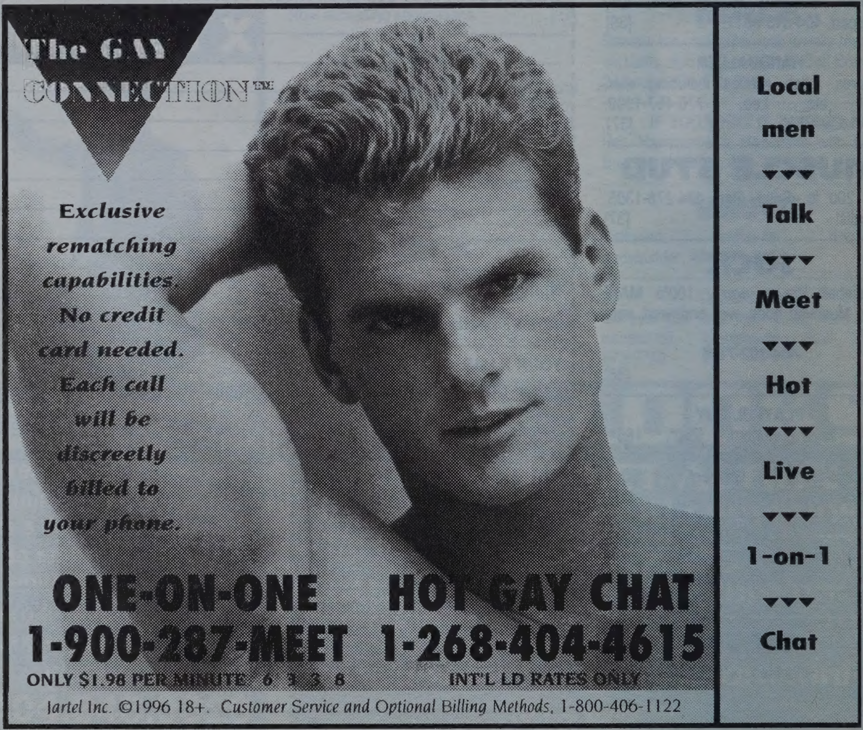
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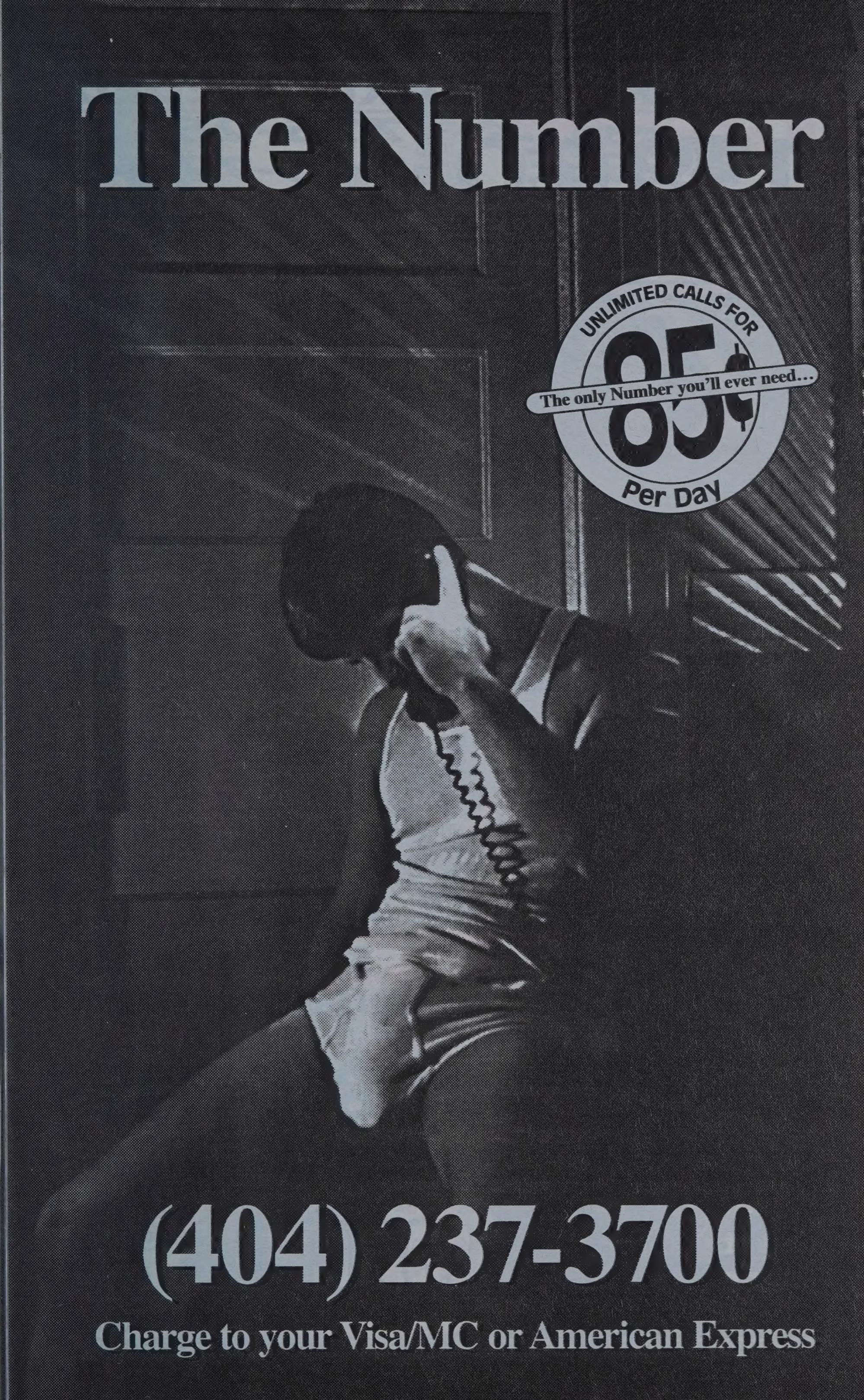
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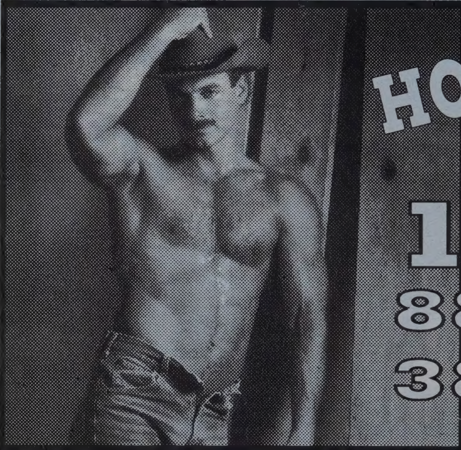

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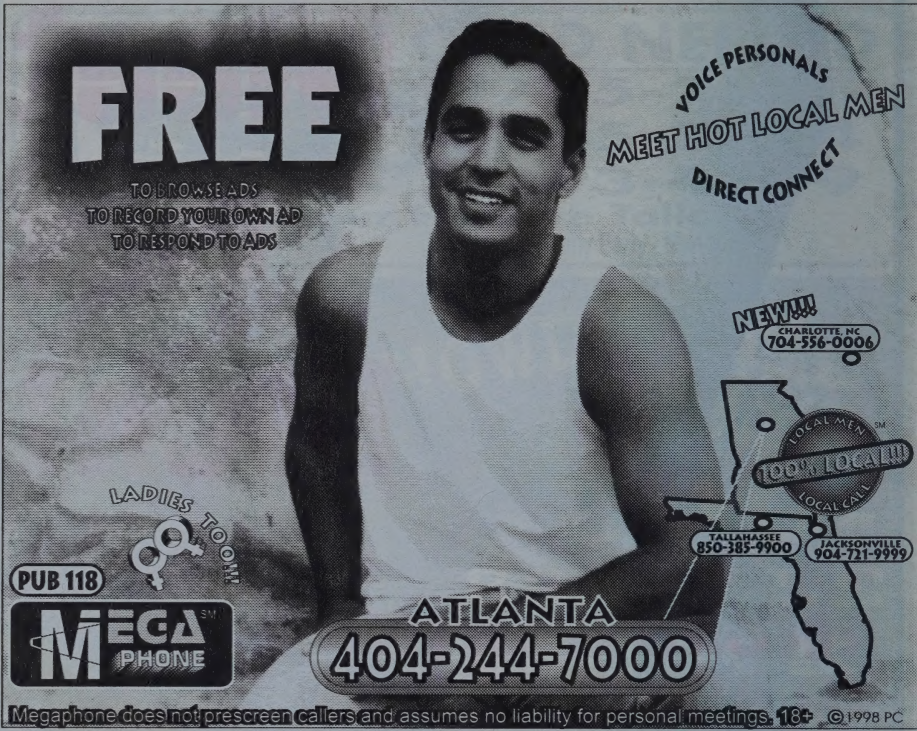
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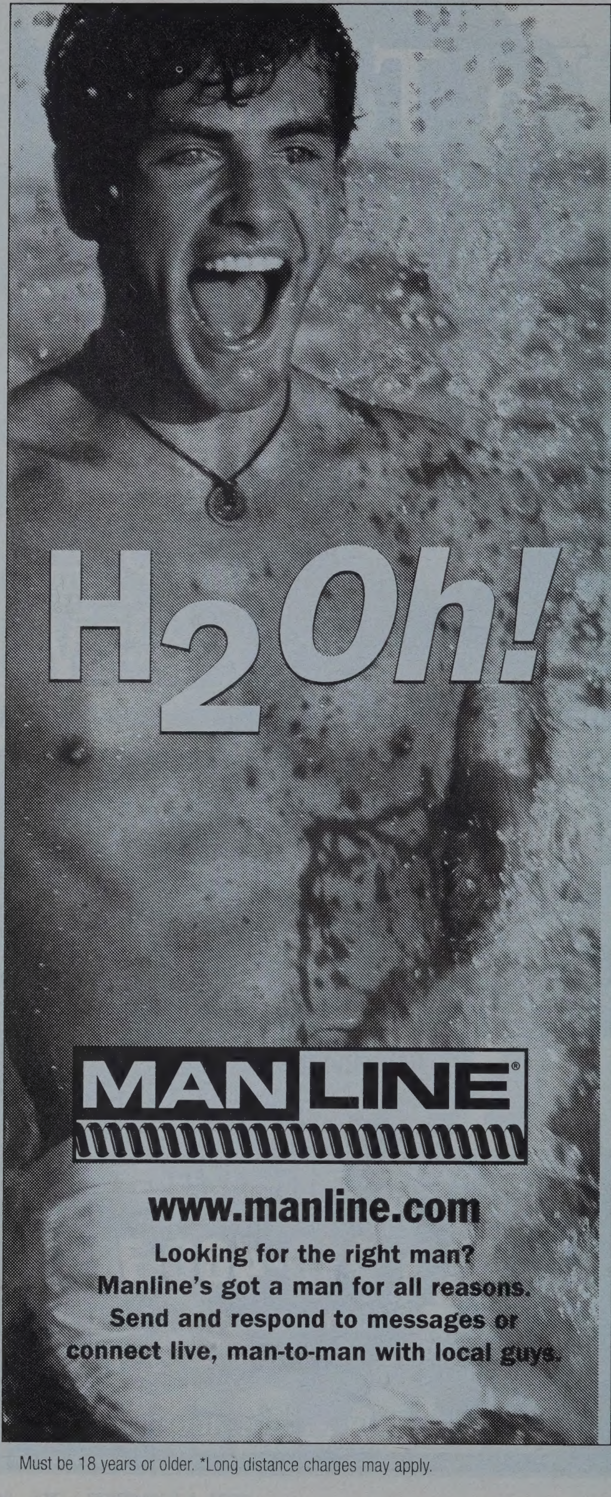

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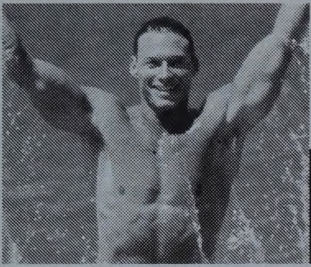

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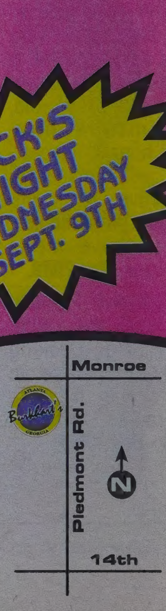
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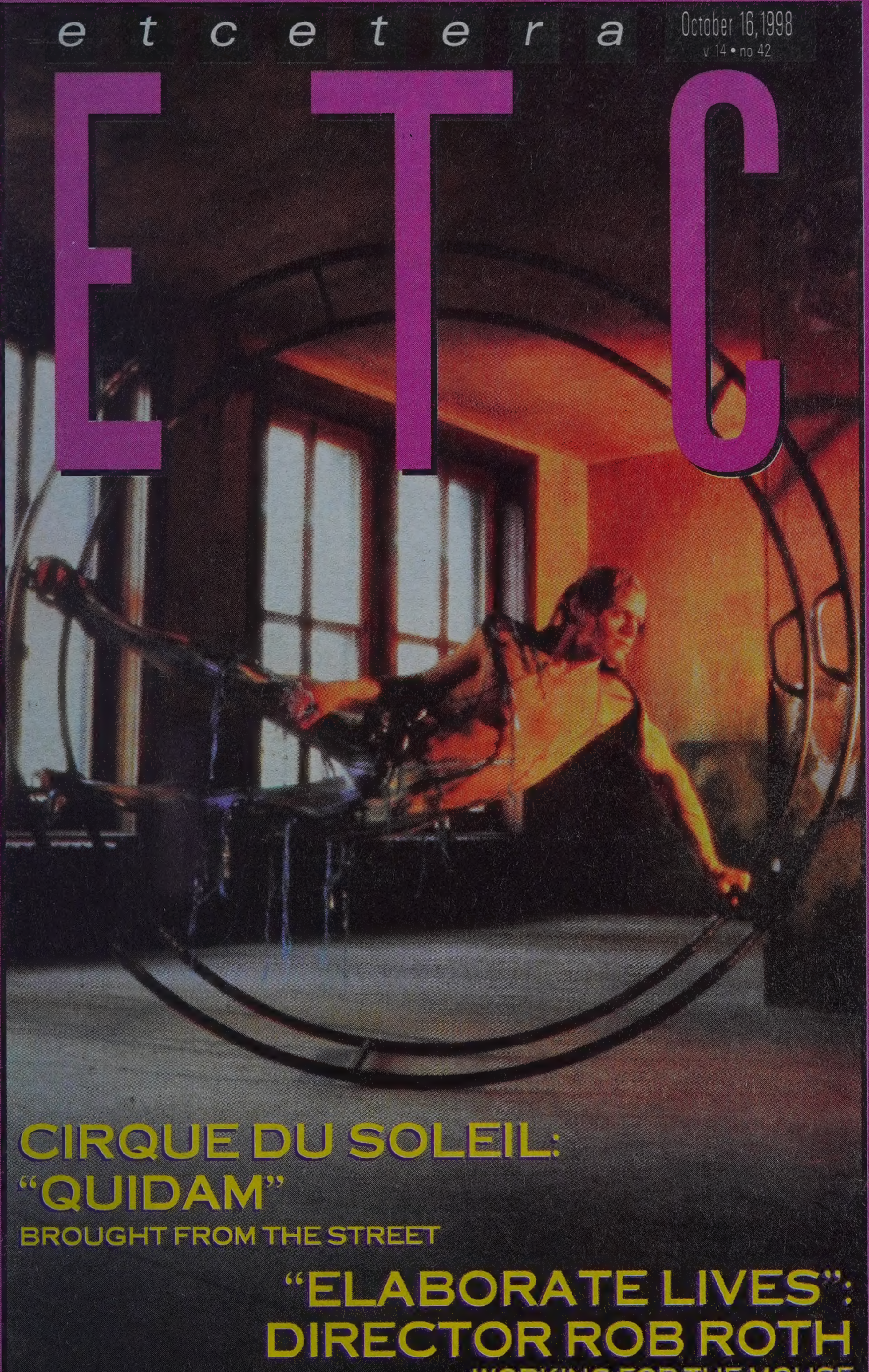

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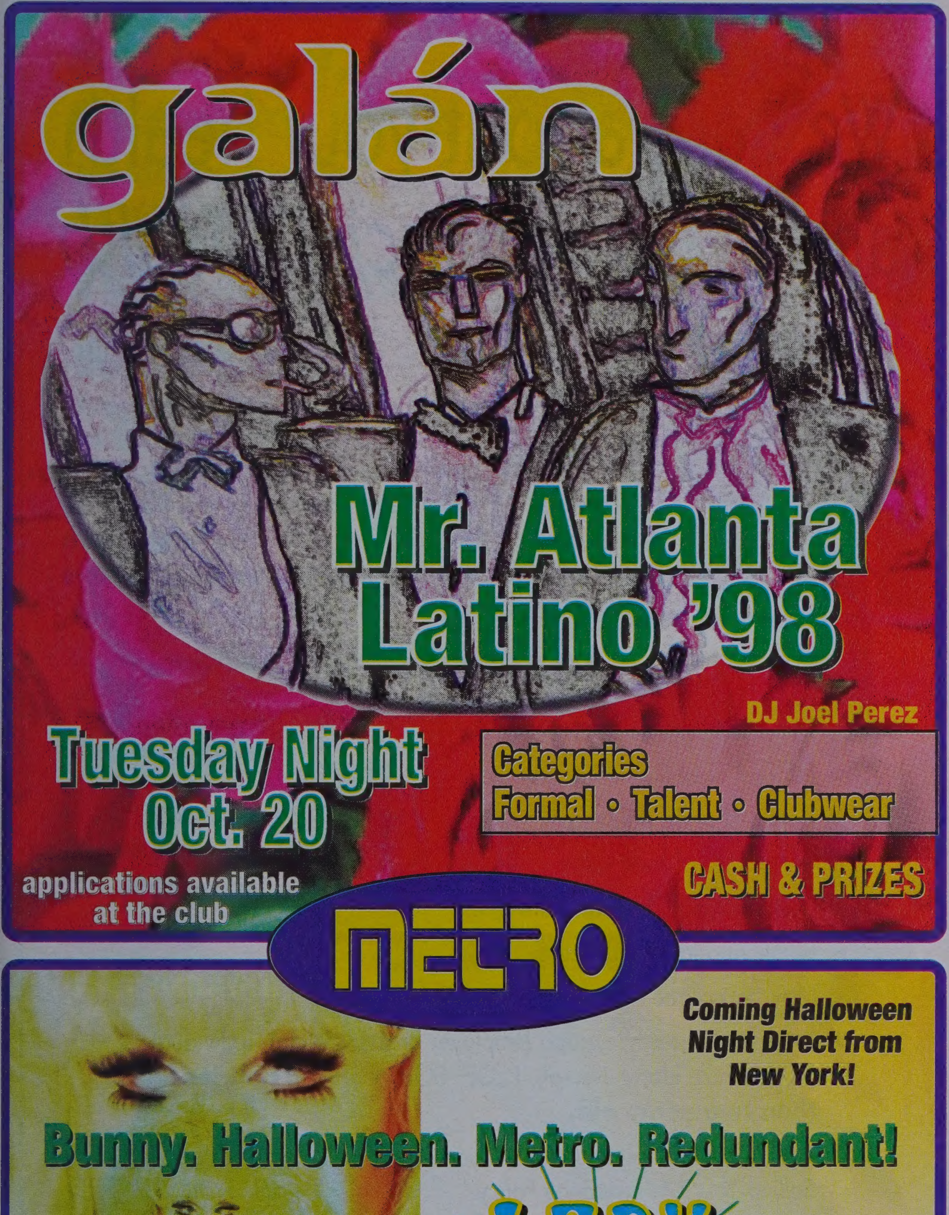

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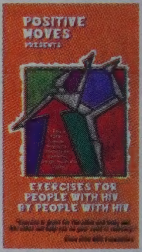

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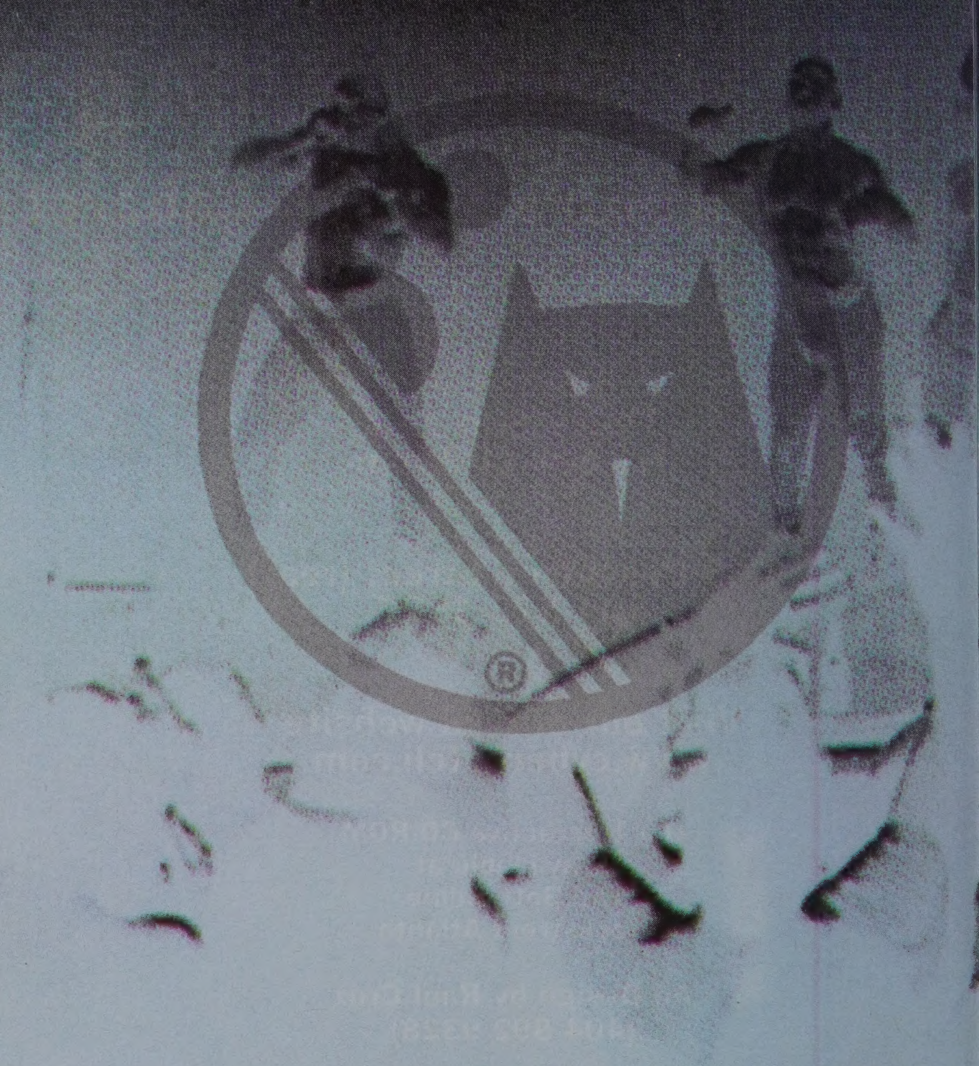

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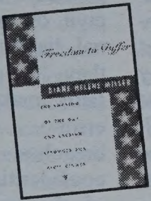

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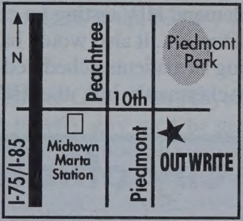

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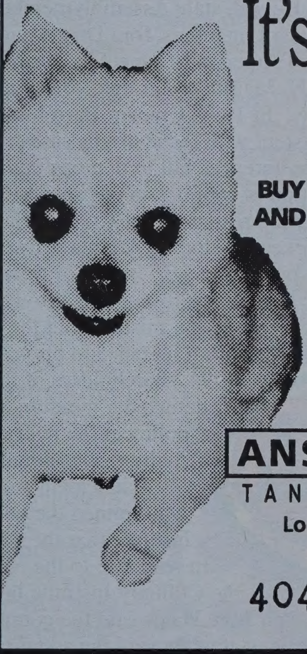

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PRO-GAY DEMOCRAT PUSHES NAME REPORTING BILL

In what The Washington Blade called a "surprising move," Rep. Gary Ackerman, a New York Democrat with one of the strongest pro-gay voting records in Congress, is pushing legislation that would withhold Ryan White funding from any state that fails to adopt mandatory names-reporting and contact-tracing policies for people who test positive for HIV. Anti-gay Rep. Tom Coburn (R–Okla.) signed on as the bill's sole co-sponsor. In March of 1997, Coburn introduced a bill that called for name reporting and contact tracing, as well as a provision allowing prospective adoptive parents to demand HIV testing on children considered for adoption. It also would have required HIV testing of patients scheduled for invasive surgery. Ackerman's bill, the HIV Partner Protection Act, is limited to reporting and tracing but adds a provision that exempts doctors and health providers from civil or criminal liability if they "in good faith" make an error that breaches the confidentiality of the person tested. "We don't need lists and an HIV police force,"

U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D–N.Y.) wants to force states to collect the names of HIV-positive people.

City officials slam Cracker Barrel award

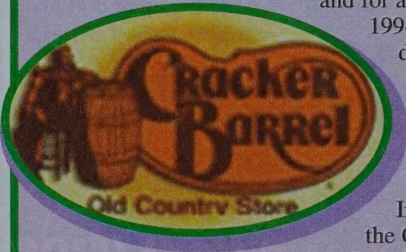
from our wire services

New York City – Several openly gay New York City officials want a prominent culinary school to reconsider honoring the president of a national restaurant chain because of a history of complaints about the company's employment practices toward gays.

City Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi, state Assemblymember Deborah Glick (D–Manhattan) and City Council members Tom Duane and Margarita Lopez, Oct. 1, urged the Culinary Institute of America to cancel its award to Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc. President Ronald N. Magruder "in light of this appalling record on such an important human rights issue." In 1991, Cracker Barrel issued a company policy that said it "is perceived to be inconsistent with those of our customer base to continue to employ individuals…whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society." It was issued by William A. Bridges, vice president of human resources for Cracker Barrel.

Eleven Cracker Barrel workers, including Atlanta resident Cheryl Summerville, were dismissed, resulting in widespread protests – many of them organized by the now-defunct Atlanta activist group Queer Nation – at restaurants throughout the South. The company later retreated from the policy, calling it a mistake, but the workers were never rehired, and for all intents and purposes, the policy still exists. In 1994, shareholders of the Tennessee-based company defeated a measure to create an anti-discrimination policy at the restaurant chain. A similar proposal will be considered in November, Hevesi said.

A statement from the school said Magruder, who joined the company in 1995, assured the institute that the company does not discriminate. In response to the New York officials' challenge to the Culinary Institute honor, Cracker Barrel spokesperson Julie Davis said the company "does not discriminate against anyone," and a company statement said the restaurant chain "is committed to providing equal employment based solely on experience, aptitude and abilities."



Daniel Zingale, executive director of the national group AIDS Action told the Blade. "We need an effective plan to encourage people at risk for HIV to get tested [voluntarily], get counseled and get the tools to protect their health and the health of others." Several states are now considering adopting the policies called for in Ackerman's bill. The Georgia Department of Health is currently holding hearings throughout the state about implementing such a plan, saying it is necessary to track the state of the epidemic. But AIDS advocates say mandatory name reporting will discourage people from being tested and seeking treatment and insist a tracking system using anonymous unique identifier code numbers would serve the purpose better. Ackerman has been given a perfect 100 percent score by the Human Rights Campaign for his record on gay and AIDS issues.

NATIONAL GROUPS GANG UP ON EX-GAY CAMPAIGN

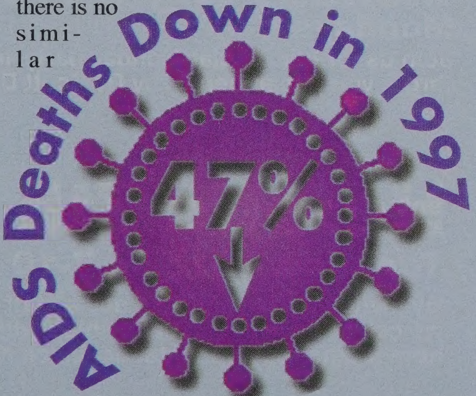
As the Center for Reclaiming America (CRA) and other Christian Right groups launched the next phase of its "Truth in Love" advertising campaign touting their message of "converting" gay people to a "heterosexual lifestyle" through religious practice, national gay groups and other progressive organizations initiated their own projects to counter what they call the harmful abuses of "ex-gay" ministries. At a press conference in Washington, D.C., Oct. 8, CRA announced it would begin airing 60-second spots "to address the homosexual issue honestly and lovingly." One features several "former homosexuals" the groups says are now "happily married" with children. The other is designed for the parents of gays, urging them to help their children find their way out of an "immoral and destructive" life. On the same day as the Christian Right announcement, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) held a press conference to announce its "Ray of Light Project," which the group says will highlight the abuses of the so-called ex-gay ministries and compile the latest research on the "deleterious psychological effects" of those ministries. The project intends to invite former "ex-gays" to share their stories and give information about the ministries and will compile the latest studies and information from mental health and medical experts on the inadvisability of "curing" homosexuality. At the same time, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announced the upcoming release of a report, "Calculated Compassion: How the Ex-Gay Movement Serves the Right's Attacks on Democracy," which the group says will document "that the ex-gay movement actually serves as a camouflage for a retooled and reinvigorated assault by the religious right on the legal protections against discrimination for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons." Finally, the progressive political group People for the American Way denounced CRA's campaign and issued its own report, "Anti-Gay Politics and the Religious Right," saying of the ad campaign, "No matter how much the Religious Right tries to dress it up, bigotry is still bigotry."

Around The Nation

■ Javier Cruz, who preyed on elderly gay men to get money to support his heroin habit, was executed in Texas, Oct. 1, for the 1991 strangulations of two San Antonio men.

■ A federal judge, Oct. 5, struck down a disciplinary rule that prohibited Puerto Rico police officers from associating with "prostitutes, homosexuals or other persons of dubious reputation."

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced, Oct. 7, that new treatments reduced the number of AIDS deaths by 47 percent last year, dropping it out of the top ten leading causes of death to number 14. The rate of 5.9 deaths for every 100,000 Americans is the lowest since mortality data for AIDS were first available in 1987. The data suggest, however, that there is no similar



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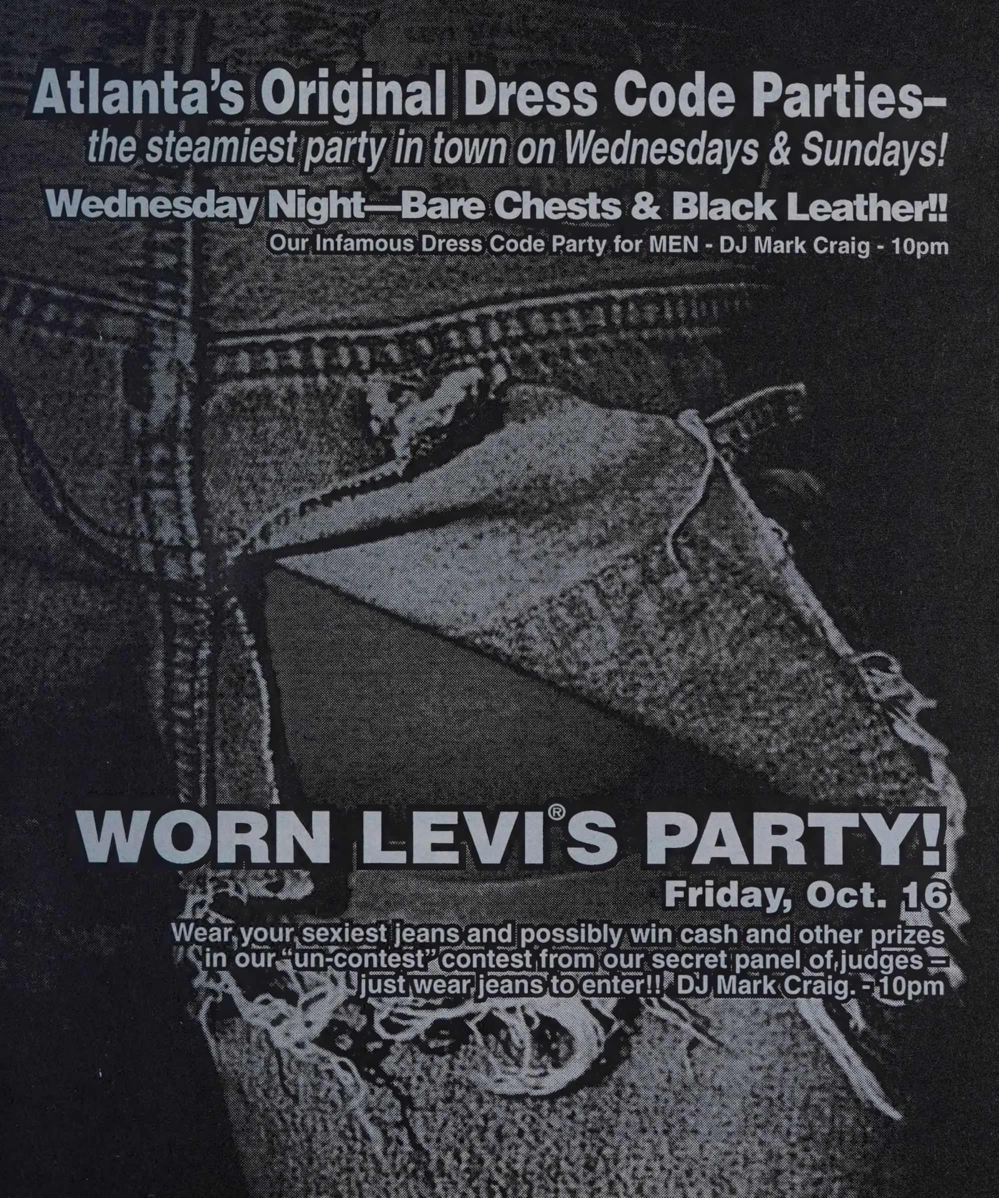

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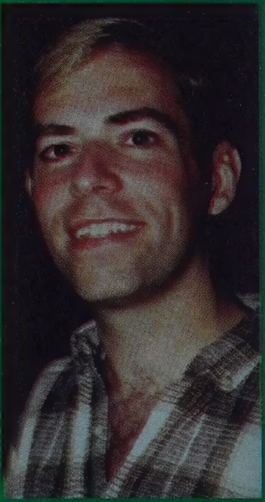
■ A group of about 325 members who broke from First United Methodist Church in Omaha in protest of their pastor's performance of a lesbian union ceremony has been given official permission to form a new church. The group boycotted the 1,900-member First United Methodist Church after the Rev. Jimmy Creech performed a covenant ceremony there in September 1997. Creech was acquitted in a church trial of disobeying Methodist rules, but Bishop Joel Martinez declined to reappoint him to the Omaha church's pulpit. The breakaway group was not happy, however, that the Rev. Donald Bredthauer was appointed to succeed Creech. Bredthauer has said he supports same-sex ceremonies, although he likely would not perform them in the church.

■ In a panel discussion on online privacy rights at the seventh annual convention of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in Las Vegas, Oct. 2, former Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, whose user profile on America Online led to his dismissal from the service, acknowledged publicly what he would not tell military investigators: He is gay. McVeigh, an 18-year veteran who had never disclosed his sexual orientation, sued the Navy to win reinstatement, saying it had no evidence he engaged in homosexual activity. A federal judge in January ordered him back to his old rank and salary. The Navy later reached a set-



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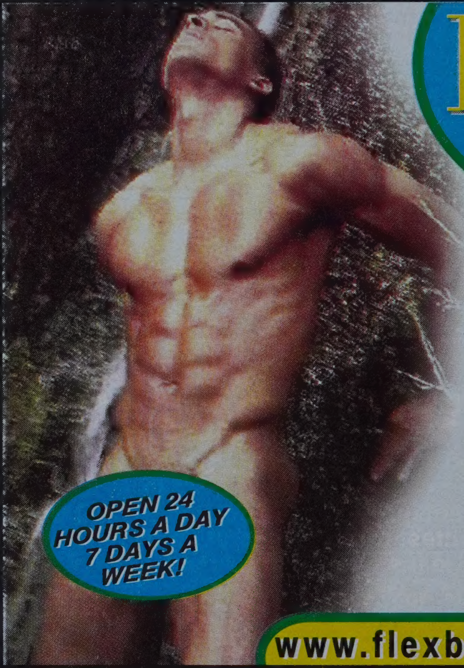

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tlement with McVeigh allowing him to retire in August with full military benefits.

■ Middlesex County, N.J., authorities arrested two AIDS activists, Diana McCague and Derik Moore, Sept. 29, and charged them with violating state laws against the possession of syringes. McCague is the founder of the Chai Project, a New Brunswick-based needle-exchange program. She had been arrested in 1996 for similar offenses. State law prohibits the possession, sale or distribution of needles. AIDS activists say needle exchanges slow the spread of the virus. The governor's own AIDS advisory council strongly recommended that New Jersey permit community-based needle-exchange programs. But Gov. Christie Whitman and most of New Jersey's Legislature oppose needle exchanges on the grounds that they encourage illicit drug use.

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■ According to the Philadelphia Daily News, Oct. 2, Independence Blue Cross tried unsuccessfully to stop publication of the Philadelphia Gay News, apparently because the weekly paper carried a story about a set-

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■ In a study published in the latest issue of the journal Vaccine, researchers reveal that an AIDS vaccine developed by Virginia-based CEL-SCI Corp. demonstrated protection against HIV in animals

■ The U.S. House, Oct. 6, overwhelmingly passed the Veterans Administration-Housing and Urban Development (VA-HUD) Conference Committee report without the controversial Riggs Amendment, which would have prohibited the city of San Francisco from using VA-HUD funds to implement its domestic partner benefits policy. The report also dropped the Hilleary amendment, which sought to freeze spending on the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The final VA-HUD bill increases HOPWA funding by $11 million.

■ The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has received a $100,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for the church's programs for at-risk gay and lesbian youth.

Queer World

■ A record 15,000 people turned out for Johannesburg, South Africa's ninth gay Pride parade Sept. 26, reports Gavin Hayward, editor of Exit, a local gay newspaper.

■ Thai police banned a Singaporean film about transvestites from Bangkok's first international film festival Sept. 18. Officials said "Bugis Street," which looks at the drag queens who populated Singapore's red-light district in 1960, is pornographic.

■ A 21-year-old gay man in Melbourne, Australia, has hauled the Red Cross before a state human-rights tribunal for refusing to let him donate his HIV-negative blood. "Scott" says the rejection was based solely on his statement that he has had gay sex.

■ Twenty-three percent of 621 gay men surveyed at three gay bars and one sexual-health clinic in Sydney, Australia, admitted to having unprotected anal sex with casual partners in the first six months of 1998. The figures were the same for HIV-negative and HIV-positive men. A second study found that of 774 mostly lesbian women at the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Fair, two percent of lesbians, 25 percent of bisexual women and eight percent of heterosexual women had sex with a gay or bisexual man in the preceding six-month period – and 20 percent did not use a condom.

■ About 5,000 gay-rights supporters blocked Macquarie Street in Sydney, Australia, Sept. 22, demanding that the New South Wales Parliament pass legislation recognizing gay relationships.

■ An appeals court Sept. 28, backed a radio ban on a song which lampoons right-wing Australian politician Pauline Hanson by using her voice to claim she is homosexual, a prostitute, a transvestite and a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Hanson is suing a branch of the Australian Broadcasting Corp. for playing the song, called "Back Door Man," by Pauline Pantsdown. The song uses rearranged excerpts from Hanson's speeches as its lyrics.

– Rex Wockner contributed

Rex Wockner

"Some of us are still living with a dream and hope of sexual liberation. Not all of us wish to become an 'insider' if the inside is the same repressive, sex-negative culture we grew up with and have attempted to change with our lives and politics."

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Same-sex rape begins to come out of the shadows

by Rob Nixon

Columbus, Ohio – It has only been within the last 25 years or so that the subject of rape and other sexual violence against women has emerged from the shadows of shame and neglect. But there is another side of rape that remains for the most part deeply closeted – the sexual violence perpetrated by one person onto another of his or her own gender. According to Michael Scarce, head of the Rape Education and Prevention Program at Ohio State University, male-on-male rape may account for five to ten percent of all rapes committed. Both Scarce and Liz Flowers, executive director of the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA), say no statistics exist on female-on-female rape.

"The anecdotal information we have places such assaults mostly in the context of domestic violence in lesbian relationships, but that's not to say it's not happening elsewhere," Flowers notes. "But rape is rape, regardless of who it happens to. Sexual orientation has nothing to do with non-consensual sex, and we're happy to find out that most Georgians think so, too."

As part of a current rape-awareness campaign called "Shattering the Myths," GNESA conducted surveys of the attitudes and beliefs of 613 random Georgians. Although the organization found that many of the old stereotypes still exist (such as the notion that many women "cry rape" falsely or continued public resistance to the seriousness of date rape), Flowers says at least 80 percent of those surveyed felt that rape was wrong regardless of the genders of victim or perpetrator.

Nevertheless, same-sex rape is rarely reported or discussed, and Scarce told Etcetera that no single factor is more responsible for the stigma attached to same-sex rape than homophobia.

"The whole issue of homophobia enters the picture due to a classic confusion in our culture of equating rape with sex," says the openly gay Scarce, who explores the subject in his book "Male on Male Rape: The Hidden Toll of Stigma and Shame" (Plenum Press, 1997). "Heterosexual men who are raped by other men will very often assume their attacker is gay and become incredibly homophobic, when in fact the vast majority of men who rape other men self-identify as heterosexual."

10%
of all rapes may be male-on-male

The same homophobic response that depicts gay men as sexual predators, Scarce says, also sets up the "impossibility" of raping a gay man.

"There's this idea that all gay men are hypersexual," he says. "So if all we do is bump and grind and have sex 24 hours a day, then that sets us up to be unrapeable, that you can't rape the willing. The same thing happens when men rape women. She's asked, 'Why did you wear your skirt so short? Why did you go back to his apartment?' – all these leading questions that make her somehow responsible for her assault."

Such factors help explain why so few same-sex rapes are ever reported. Among all the male rape survivors Scarce has interviewed over the years, all but one had an intensely negative experience reporting the crime to law enforcement authorities. Those who have managed to overcome their fear, shame and confusion to seek help from police, medical professionals or counselors have generally been laughed at and

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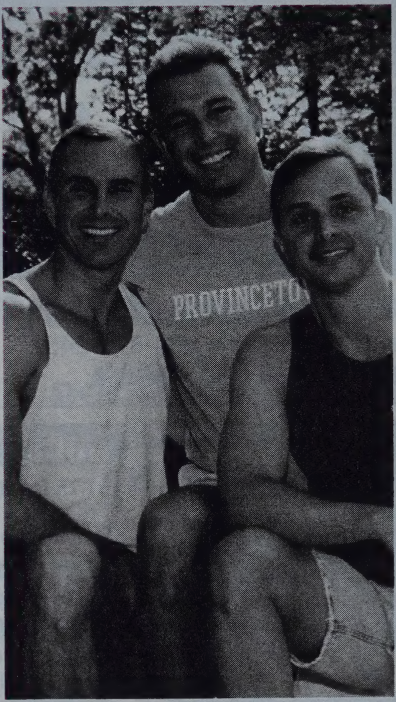

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RAPE

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turned away, he says. But it's not only the fear of rejection and ridicule that keeps men, particularly gay men, from reporting rape.

"Many gay men who are raped very often feel as if it's some kind of punishment they deserve because they're gay, and they'll retreat back into the closet because they believe being gay made them a target for assault," Scarce explains, adding that, as with rape against females, the majority of attackers (85 percent or more) are known by their victims.

Because so much of the current awareness of and action on rape can be credited to a strong women's movement, rape has become seen, quite rightly, as gendered violence - an act not of sex but of power inflicted by a dominant group on a traditionally oppressed one. But Scarce says that in male-on-male rape, the act is still often one of misogynist violence, particularly in the kinds of assault that occur in all-male environments like prisons and fraternity hazing rituals.

"There's a notion that the most effective and humiliating way to degrade a man is to force him into a sexually submissive role that will strip him of his manhood and masculinity," he says. "Survivors have told me about verbal abuse their rapist used, calling them names like 'bitch' and 'pussy.' That's not coincidental; it's all about…a hatred and devaluing not only of women but of the feminine."

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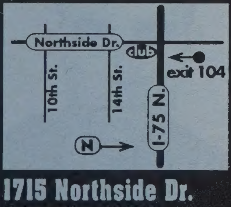

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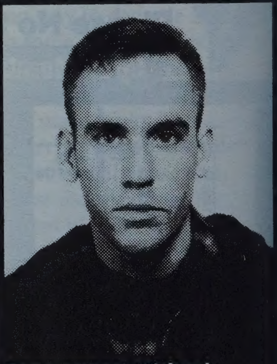
but isn't sure it's so easy to "peel off" the issue of anti-female sentiments as she believes Scarce does.

"I'm more of a purist in terms of not looking at the individual but in seeing it as a question of power," she says. "In those terms, it's much broader than hatred of women or homosexuals."

Laws governing the prosecution and punishment of rape are a mixed bag where male-on-male assault is concerned. For instance, in the Southeast, rape laws in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina are specific to the sexual assault of females (although male rape may be prosecuted in Georgia as "aggravated sodomy"). Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee define rape more gender-neutrally, as vaginal, oral or anal penetration without consent. But more than just legal reform, Scarce says male rape has to be addressed on the community level, too.

"Gay males need to acknowledge that sexual assault happens within our community and talk about what this means for us," he says. "We need to begin to take some risks and discuss our issues openly."



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✶To Atlanta's GWM population: First, stop saying that you're HIV negative when you've never been tested. Second, you're probably NOT!

✶I'm pissed off at the way the gay population is reverting to unsafe sex. HIV and AIDS are still very present, and there's too much unsafe playing and not enough responsibility.

✶If it were not for marriage and military service, most straight men's lives would be in shambles. We're supposed to believe that we have equal rights when we're still denied THESE TWO BASIC RIGHTS?

✶Who is the cute guy who's seen walking his dog down Welbourne?

✶Stand behind Bill Clinton? Obviously, you don't get it. Purgery, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and sexual harassment are not ideals to stand behind!

✶Why do you old queens call my "legitimate" cleaning service ad and only want to have sex when I arrive? Have you nothing better to do?

✶It's far better to have a redneck vehicle than to have that piece of shit you bought from the Police impound auction block.

✶You wonder what it was like before the Stonewall riots? Just stay at home on election day. I'm sure the Christian Coalition would love to educate you afterward!

✶All of you who ever wanted revenge on Bev McMahon, she'll be anxiously awaiting your arrival when she sits in the Dunking Booth at the Midtown Carnival '98.

✶Until Guy Millner educated me, I had no idea that I was too liberal for Georgia!

✶There are valid reasons for a guest list, which does not include letting bitchy queens in for free. You should be charged double!

✶Paula Jones has class? She turns down a $700,000 settlement in hopes for a million. I guess she wants her double wide to out-class all others in the trailer park.

✶Hey, Mr. Chiropractor, just because you don't respect your own committed relationship, respect mine and LEAVE MY HUSBAND ALONE!

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HOMOPHILE

by David A. Moore

THE MYSTERIES OF AN ATLANTA NOVELIST

"All of my books are romance novels," explains Atlanta resident and writer Laura DeHart Young. "My latest takes place in Atlanta. It's about an advertising executive with relationship problems who leaves her partner of two-and-a-half years because she's being abused."

Young will sign copies of her novel, "Private Passions," at Charis Books Oct. 24.

"I'm excited," she says, "to be here. Atlanta is wonderful culturally. There's always great things going on, and the gay and lesbian community is incredible."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Young moved here in March 1997. Prior to moving to Atlanta, she had published three other novels, including "There Will Be No Goodbyes" and "Love on the Line."

Young's road to becoming a published author reads like somewhat of a novel in itself. "I sent a copy of the first book into Naaid Press, where it was read by Katherine Forrest, who's a very well known lesbian writer. She was the one who recommend it for publication."

Perhaps what makes Young's latest novel unique is the effort she's mounted to bring same-sex spousal abuse to the forefront of her readership's mind.

"It's an important issue that we don't like to think about very much," she says matter-of-factly. "It's been swept under the rug in so many ways, but it's actually a lot more commonplace than you might think. We shy away from it because of the parallels to the straight community."

Young's books are currently available at gay and lesbian bookstores across the country. The recent availability of her work in such mainstream outlets as Barnes and Noble and Borders has become a significant point of gratification for Young. "I think it's great that this kind of material can be so accessible now. It says something about how far our society has come."

Never one to rest on her laurels, Young is now at work on a new book due out next October called "Intimate Strangers."

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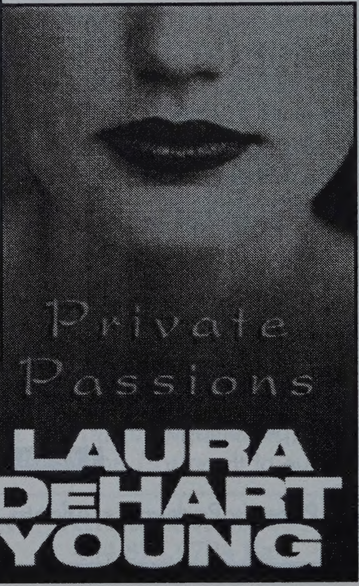
Atlanta resident and Naiad Press author Laura DeHart Young signs copies of her latest novel at Charis Books.



DANCING WITH DRACULA

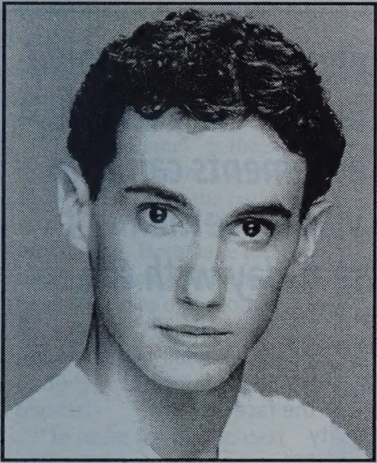
"I would say that there are more gay men in ballet than most fields," offers McCree Kelley, "but not as many as you might think. There are actually a lot more straight men than gay."

Kelley is a recent recruit to the Atlanta Ballet and a newcomer to Atlanta. Originally from Columbia., S.C., he spent the past few years in New York where he attended the School of American Ballet and appeared in such productions as "Open Veins."

Two months ago he moved to Atlanta to work with the Atlanta Ballet. "It's been a great experience," he says. "I like the city and the Ballet. If I'm asked back, I'm sure I'll stay for a few more years."

Currently, Kelley is appearing in the Atlanta Ballet production of "Dracula," which opens Oct. 23, at the Fox Theatre. "I play one of the undead," he laughs, "and a villager and a vicar."

The Atlanta Ballet is celebrating their 69th season with the North American premiere of "Dracula," which was initially produced by Northern Ballet Theatre in Leeds, England, in 1997, where it was viewed by Atlanta Ballet artistic director John McFall.



Openly gay dancer McCree O'Kelley plays one of the undead in "Dracula."

"The theatricality of the piece is what really attracted me to it," says McFall. "In the past, full-length ballets have been more interested in technique than using dance to advance the story. 'Dracula' provides strong character development and uses both music and dance to move the story forward."

Indeed, "Dracula" has been described as Halloween flair with savoir faire – an elegant, wickedly dark drama of love, blood lust, loss and redemption.

Following the Oct. 29, performance of "Dracula" don your best freaky costume for "Dragula," the Halloween cast party at Backstreet's upstairs cabaret room. Festivities include a costume contest and the chance to win round-trip tickets to New Orleans for the Halloween weekend.

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Only one entry is allowed per person and you must include your full name, address and daytime phone number. Winners' names will be published in an upcoming issue of Etcetera.

Entries must be received no later than noon Nov. 20, and can be mailed (151 Renaissance Pkwy.; Atlanta, Ga. 30309), e-mailed (etc@mindspring.com) or faxed (404-888-0910). V.I.P. parking is available to winners for the evening at Etcetera's posh Midtown location (a mere one block away).

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LIFE ON A "LONELY PLANET"

The Alliance Theatre's Artistic Director Kenny Leon takes on a new role Oct. 17, when he appears in the latest production of "Lonely Planet" at the Alliance Theatre Studio (see the Homoculture Calendar).

"It's difficult to make the time to act when you're the director of a company like the Alliance," says Leon. "I really miss acting. When I first started directing I

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wanted it to be a 60/40 kind of thing. But as time has gone by, it's really dwindled to where I'm acting about once every three years."

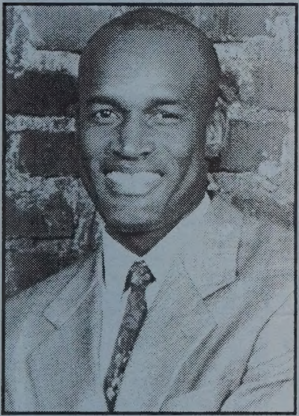
"Lonely Planet" is the story of two gay men, Carl and Jody (Leon plays the part of Carl and Craig Bockhorn portrays Jody). Both have lost many friends to AIDS and have turned to one another for support. The play takes place in a map shop owned by Jody, which Carl visits regularly.

"In order for Carl to deal with what he's gone through he lives in a fantasy world sometimes," Leon says. "He's a crazy, quirky guy but he's got a tremendous heart."

Directed by John Dillon, the Alliance's production of the play is the second in two years. An earlier staging was mounted by Barking Dog in 1996.

"I love what this play is about and what it says to our community," Leon explains. "It reaches out to everyone. It doesn't matter if you're gay or straight, the message is there."

More significantly, Leon points out, the Alliance is committed to doing plays that are reflective of the Atlanta community at large. "The gay community, the black community and the hispanic community really need to support one another, especially with a play like this," he offers. "We have so many stories to share with each other."



Alliance Theatre Artistic Director Kenny Leon plays a troubled gay man in "Lonely Planet."

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

This Week

friday 10•16

Bernadette Peters

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Tommy Tune
Tall and gay Broadway legend ("My One and Only") in concert with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. 8:00 p.m. Atlanta Symphony Hall, 1293 Peachtree St. 404-817-8700.

"Carnival '98"
Drag show from Maytag, Bubba D. Licious, Tequilla Mockingbird, Shenita Quit, Tipper Gore-May, Dixie D. Cupp, Stormie Weather and Luna Tic. Ongoing benefit for AIDS Walk Atlanta. 10:00 p.m. The Upper Room, 736 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-874-1655.

"Carnival '98"
Hunk auction with Tequilla Mockingbird. Ongoing benefit for AIDS Walk Atlanta. 11:00 p.m. Midtown Saloon, 736 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-874-1655.

saturday 10•17

"Lonely Planet"
Steven Dietz's play about two gay men sharing their dreams and confronting their fears covers issues dealing with mortality and human relationships. Tuesday – Friday 8:00 p.m., Saturday 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. $20 – $26. Alliance Theatre Studio, 1293 Peachtree St. 404-733-4600. Through 11•29.

"Carnival '98"
Comedy night with Tim Jones. Ongoing benefit for AIDS Walk Atlanta. 8:00 p.m. The Upper Room, 736 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-874-1655.

"Carnival '98"
Cake auction with Kitty Le Claw and Velma followed by special collectables auction. Ongoing benefit for AIDS Walk Atlanta. 7:00 p.m. Midtown Saloon, 736 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-874-1655.

sunday 10•18

AIDS Walk '98
The annual walk to raise funds for various Atlanta AIDS agencies kicks off with a guest appearance by Rosie Perez. Noon. Piedmont Park. 404-876-9255.

"In the Gloaming"
Robert Sean Leonard plays a gay son who comes home to tell his mom (Glenn Close) he's HIV-positive. 9:00 p.m. TBS.

Ultra Naté
Disco diva who sings "Found a Cure" in concert. 8:00 p.m. $10. Esso, 489 Courtland St. 404-872-3776.

monday 10•19

"In the Life"
Gay info and entertainment series latest episode covers gay marriage in Hawaii, Southern Baptists, Shakespeare and a new opera called "Patience and Sarah." 11:00 p.m. WPBA.

tuesday 10•20

"N.Y.P.D. Blue"
Police drama season premiere. Bill Brochtrup returns to create gay character John Irving. 10:00 p.m. ABC.

wednesday 10•21

Diane Helene Miller
Author reads and signs copies of her book "Freedom to Differ." 8:00 p.m. Outwrite Books, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082.

"Out of the Past"
Documentary about the contributions of gay and lesbian people throughout American history. 7:00 p.m. Harland Cinema, Emory University, 1380 S. Oxford Dr. 404-727-0272.

"Nowhere"
Greg Araki's film explores a group of outcast L.A. teenagers, including a bisexual one. 11:00 p.m. Cinemax.

Upcoming

friday 10•23

"Kiss of the Spider Woman"
Jomandi Productions offers a new take on the former Broadway success with an African-American and Latino-American cast. 14th Street Playhouse, 173 14th St. 404-876-6346.

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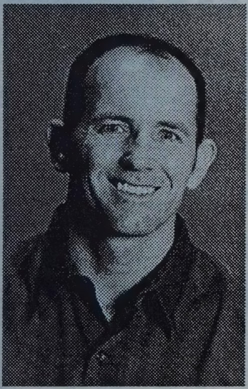

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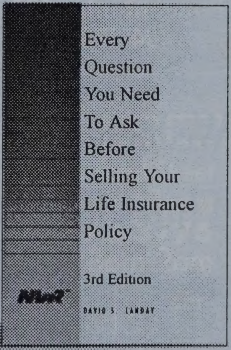
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"Pop Art"
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Jocelyn Taylor
Documentary artist's work focuses on visual representations of African-American lesbians. She'll be on hand for the screening of her work. 8:00 p.m. $5. White Hall, Room 208, Emory University, 1380 S. Oxford Dr. 404-727-0272.

Laura DeHart Young
Author reads from and signs copies of her lesbian romance novel "Private Passion." 7:30 p.m. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. 404-524-0304.

wednesday 10•28

"Female Perversions"
Tilda Swinton plays an attorney in this controversial film exploring female eroticism. Midnight. Cinemax.

"God of Vegeance"
Jewish Theatre of the South presents this 90-year-old Yiddish play about a brothel owner, his former prostitute wife and daughter Manke, who develops a lesbian romance with one of the prostitutes who works for her father. Wednesday – Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday – Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 3:00 p.m. $15 – $20. 7 Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. 404-523-7647. Through 11•22.

thursday 10•29

"Quidam"
The latest incarnation of Cirque du Soleil, the French Canadian performance circus, returns to Atlanta for the first time in three years. Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Thursday 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Saturday 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. $21.50 – $49. Atlanta Civic Center parking lot, 395 Piedmont Ave. 800-678-5440. Through 12•27.

Mark Chester
Lecture and slide show by San Francisco photographer. 8:00 p.m. White Hall, Room 206, Emory University, 1380 S. Oxford Dr. 404-727-0272.

"Dragula"
Costume Halloween cast party for Atlanta Ballet's production of "Dracula" follows the evening presentation (8:00 p.m.) of the show at the Fox Theatre. Includes a costume contest. 10:30 p.m. Backstreet, 845 Peachtree St. 404-873-1986.

friday 10•30

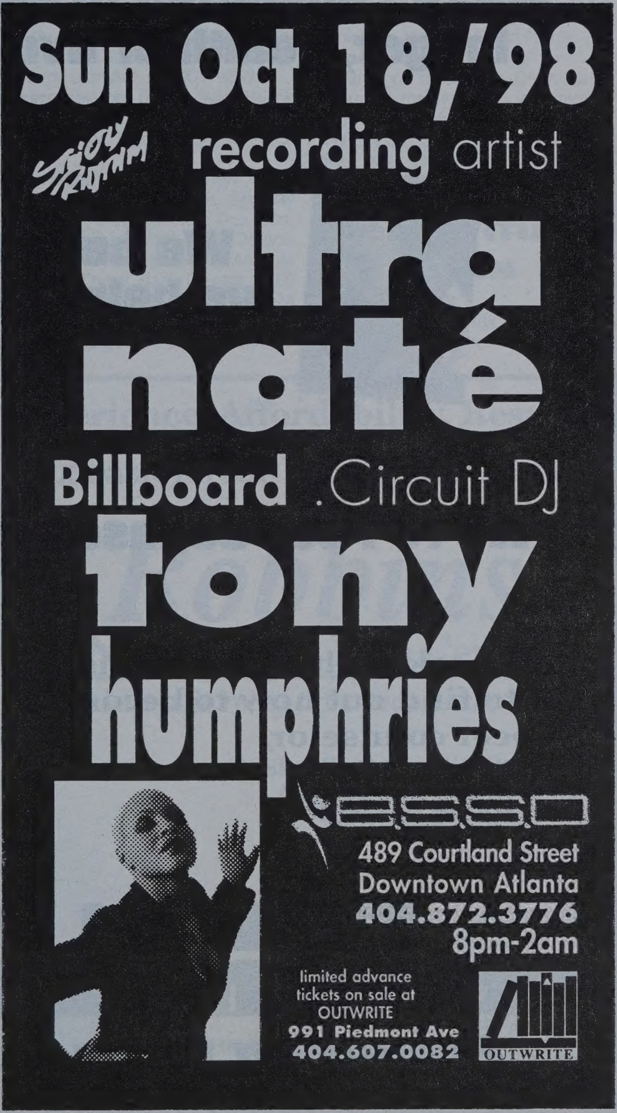
ODK
Relatively new band with stylized "darkwave" sound features some bi musicians. Performance in conjunction with Peachtree International Film Festival. 10:30 p.m. $12. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, 80 Forsyth St. 404-651-1243.

saturday 10•31

Lady Bunny
Former Atlantan, founder of "Wigstock" and bewigged legend performs. 10:00 p.m. The Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

Eric Johnson

Diva deluxe Ultra Naté takes to the stage at Esso Oct. 18.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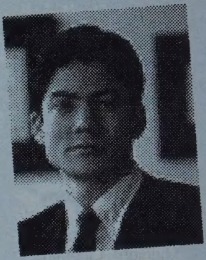

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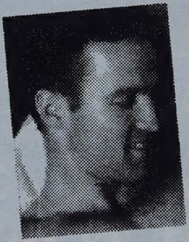

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film

"Pecker"
New film from gay director John Waters tells the story of a young Baltimore man who becomes famous for his photographs of his quirky neighbors, relatives and friends. Cast includes many of the Waters regulars, such as Patty Hearst, Mink Stole and Mary Vivian Pearce.

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Vintage noir classic from Orson Welles returns to the big screen in a restored and retooled director's cut. Includes Mercedes McCambridge as a Latino lesbian. Also stars Welles, Marlene Dietrich, Janet Leigh and Charlton Heston (in Mexican drag).

performing arts

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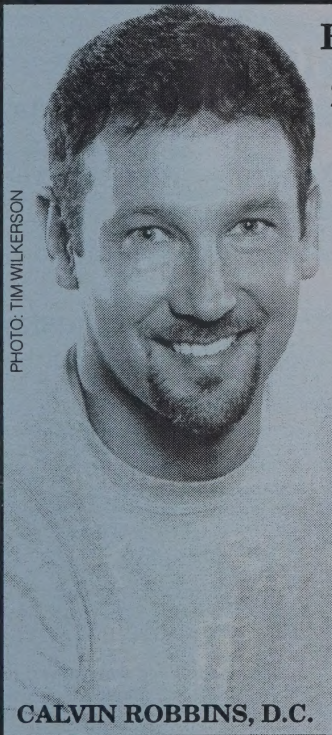
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"Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida"
New theatrical production from Elton John and Tim Rice centers around the Egyptian legend of three young people and their love for one another. Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. $17 – $36. Alliance Theatre, 1280 Peachtree St. 404-733-5000. Through 11•8.

"Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde"
Moises Kaufman's off-Broadway success chronicles the arrest, judgment and sentencing of Irish gay literary great Oscar Wilde. Cast includes Don Finney as Wilde and Jim Peck as the Marquess of Queensbury. Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. $17 – $25. Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Ave., Marietta. 770-422-8369. Through 11•15.

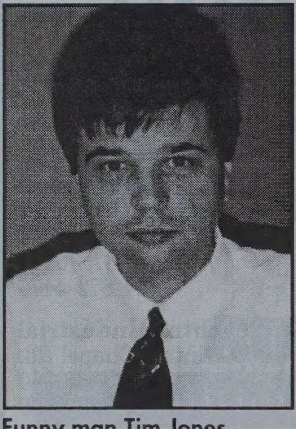
visual arts

"Galesburg: Photographs by Chris Verene"
Collection of unusual photographic works by Verene documents his extended family in Galesburg, Ill. Vaknin Schwartz, 1831 Peachtree Rd. 404-351-0035. Through 10•17.

tv/radio

friday

"Alternative Talk"
Talk and music show surrounding issues of importance for Atlanta's African-American gay and lesbian community. Hosted by Rudy Carne. 6:00 p.m. WRFG – 89.7 FM.



Funny man Tim Jones cracks the one-liners at "Carnival '98" at The Upper Room Oct. 16.

"Homicide: Life on the Streets"
Gritty detective show features Kyle Secor as bisexual Tim Bayliss. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

"Ooh La La"
Funky public access show features drag, commentary on political issues through satire and more from the twisted mind of Linda Paris. 10:30 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Tuesday 11:30 p.m.

"The American Music Show"
The longest running show on public access in America delves into the local celebutante scene and features guest appearances by various drag queens. 11:00 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Saturday 11:30 p.m.

"DeAundra Peek's TV Show"
Local monotone drag diva DeAundra Peek and cohost Duffy Odum offer music videos, cooking tips and more. 11:30 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton. Repeats Saturday 11:00 p.m.

saturday

"Profiler"
Peter Frechette plays gay computer hacker George Fraley, who hunts serial killers for the FBI. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

"Linc's"
Drama features Tisha Campbell as the sexually questioning daughter of a bar owner. 10:00 p.m. Showtime. Repeats Thursday 10:00 p.m.

"Rude Awakenings"
Rain Pryor plays Sherilynn Fenn's lesbian friend. 10:30 p.m. Showtime. Repeats Thursday 10:30 p.m.

"The RuPaul Show"
Former Atlantan turned supermodel drag diva hosts a talk show. 11:00 p.m. VH1.

sunday

"The Simpsons"
Waylon Smithers (personal secretary to the town Scrooge and nuclear power plant owner, Mr. Burns) mumbles about his closeted sexuality. 8:00 p.m. FOX.

"Sex and the City"
Thought-provoking comedy-drama about two 30-somethings features Stanford Blatch as Sarah Jessica Parker's queer friend. 10:00 p.m. HBO.

monday

"All My Children"
Soap opera focusing on the torrid lives of the mythical town of Pine Valley includes Ben Jorgenson as gay teenager Airs daily. 1:00 p.m. ABC.

"Ellen"
Thought it was gone, huh? Reruns of the former ABC sitcom features openly lesbian Ellen DeGeneres in post- and pre-coming out Ellen Morgan shows. Two shows air daily back to back. 6:00 p.m. Lifetime. Repeats Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 a.m.

"Suddenly Susan"
Sitcom set in San Francisco with Brooke Sheilds as a magazine writer. Includes a gay character in the mailroom named Pete (Bill Stevenson). 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"The Brian Benben Show"
Former "Dream On" star Brian Benben plays a misplaced newscaster in this series that includes a gay weathercaster known as Billy (Luis Antonio Ramos). 9:30 p.m. CBS.

"Will & Grace"
Sitcom includes a gay lead character (Eric McCormick as Will Truman) and his gay friend Jack (Sean P. Hayes from "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss"). 9:30 p.m. NBC.

"Gay USA"
New York-produced gay and lesbian info and entertainment show. 11:00 p.m. Cable 12 Fulton.

tuesday

"Mad about You"
After Paul's sister Debbie (Robin Bartlett) got a divorce she came out and found love with Joan (Suzie Plakson). Now the two are recurring characters. 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"Spin City"
Michael Boatman plays a gay assistant in the office of a fictitious New York Mayor. Sitcom also stars Michael J. Fox. 9:00 p.m. ABC.

"Frasier"
Radio-station comedy includes a recurring gay food critic named Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbert). Also stars openly gay actor Dan Butler as "Bulldog" Drummond. 9:00 p.m. NBC.

"Nash Bridges"
Don Johnson vehicle includes Angela Dorhman as Nash's lesbian sister Stacey and Patrick Fischler as gay receptionist Pepe. 10:00 p.m. CBS.

wednesday

"Party of Five"
Thought-provoking human drama series includes an occasional appearance by gay actor Mitchell Anderson as the gay violin teacher Ross. 9:00 p.m. FOX.

"Chicago Hope"
Hospital drama with gay doctor Dennis Hancock (Vondie Curtis-Hall). 10:00 p.m. CBS.

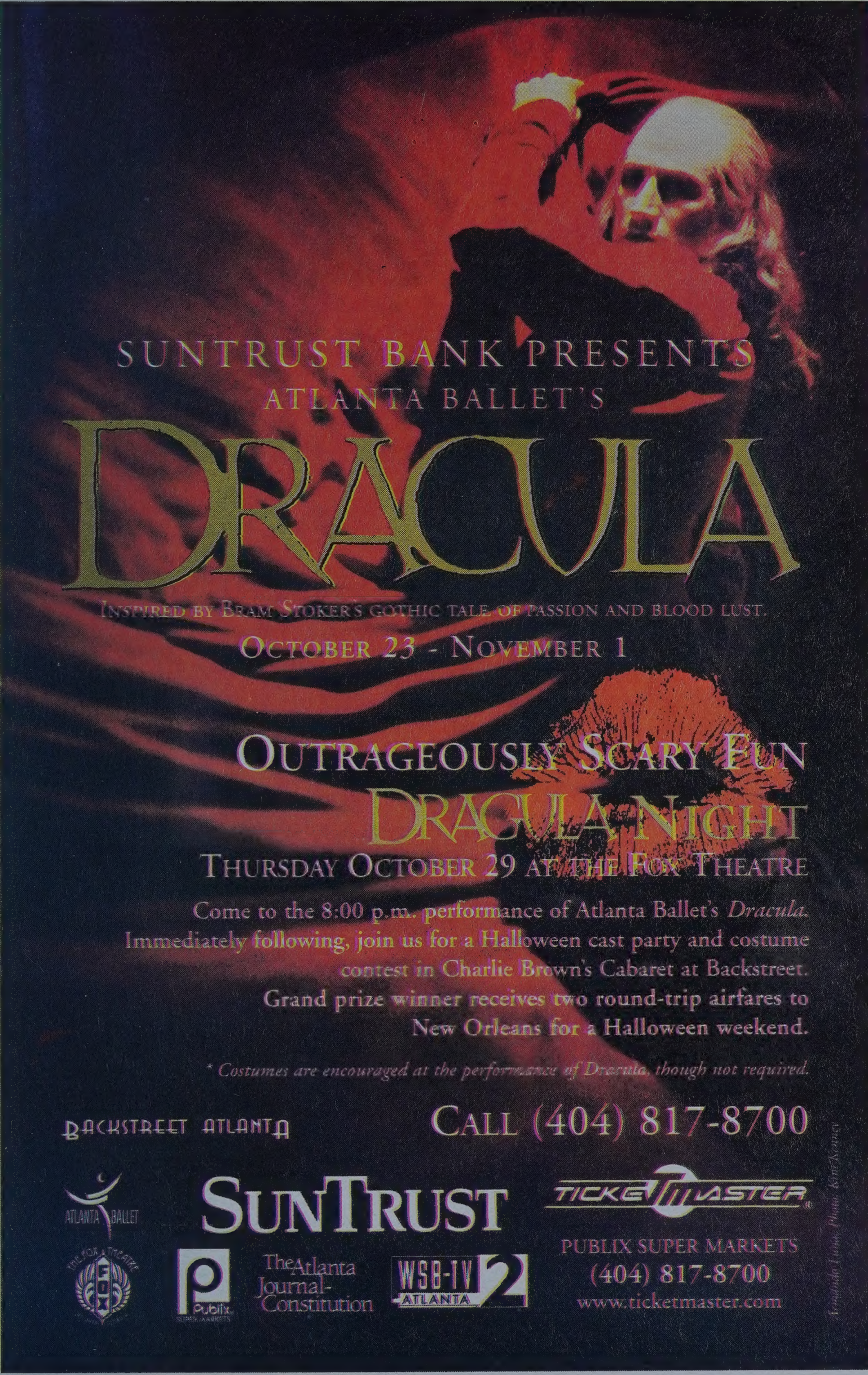
thursday

"Friends"
Sitcom about a group of college graduates and their crazy New York lives. Occasionally features a married lesbian couple (Jane Sibbet as Carol Wylick and Jessica Hecht as Susan Bunch) with a child. 8:00 p.m. NBC.

"Veronica's Closet"
Sitcom with Kirsty Alley includes a gay-ish assistant Josh (Wallace Langham) 9:30 p.m. NBC.

"E.R."
Top-rated medical drama features Jorja Fox (Dr. Maggie Doyle) as a lesbian physician. 10:00 p.m. NBC.

Calendar dates and times subject to change. This information is available on the web in Yahoo! Atlanta (atlanta.yahoo.com).



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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: "QUIDAM"

Muscular Swiss Amazon Petra dazzles the audience on the Cloud Swing.

photo: Al Seib

by Rob Walton

"Quidam," the current touring incarnation of Montreal's Cirque du Soleil, is a departure of sorts for the hypnotic, dark and sensual French-Canadian circus. For starters, it's the first time the company's been to Atlanta in three years after biennial visits for the past three shows – "Nouvelle Expérience," "Saltimbanco" and "Alegría." The signature blue and yellow big top has moved from Spring Street to a new location in the parking lot of the Atlanta Civic Center, and padded seats have replaced the minimalist bleachers of years past.

But there's a thematic difference as well. "Quidam" is more intimate than past shows – more moody and more personal, with no particular grand centerpiece to stand out and razzle-dazzle, but it's equally compelling nonetheless. It's as if they've assembled some of the most incredible street performers from around the world and built a show around them. Something as benign as jumping a double Dutch rope becomes magical and electrifying.

"We wanted this latest production to be more human," said director Franco Dragone. "It transcends the 20th century and marks a turning point. Like preceding creations, it conveys emotion, but it is also more raw, more intense and more dramatic.

"This show highlights our frailties and our anguish in the face of the new millennium that lies before us. It also underlines differences, conveying positive feelings and resentment and confronting our dreams with our nightmares. 'Quidam' is a more scripted show. It integrates performance and theatricality to a greater degree than previous productions and draws on the emotional relationships between the performers in the troupe."

"Quidam" ("key-dahm"), the French word for a nameless passerby on the street, perfectly embodies the flavor of this show. A

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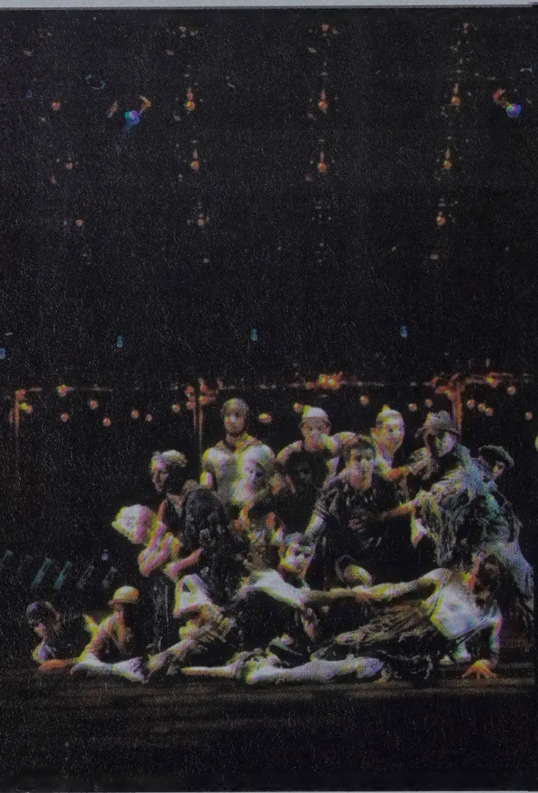
The cast of “Quidam”: From the street where you live.
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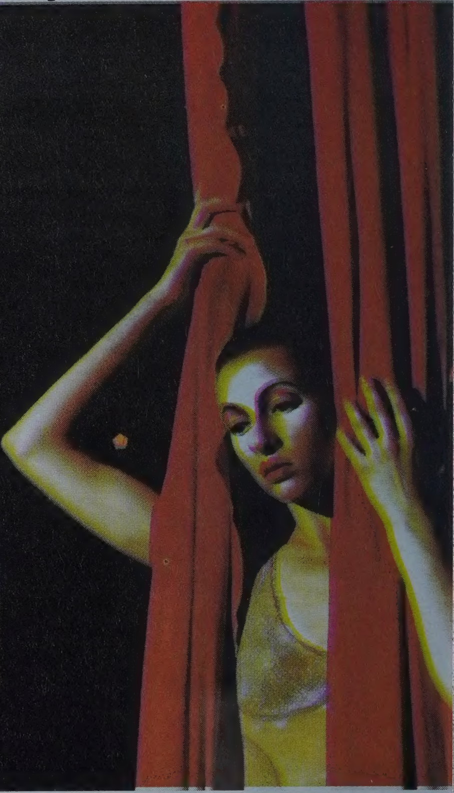
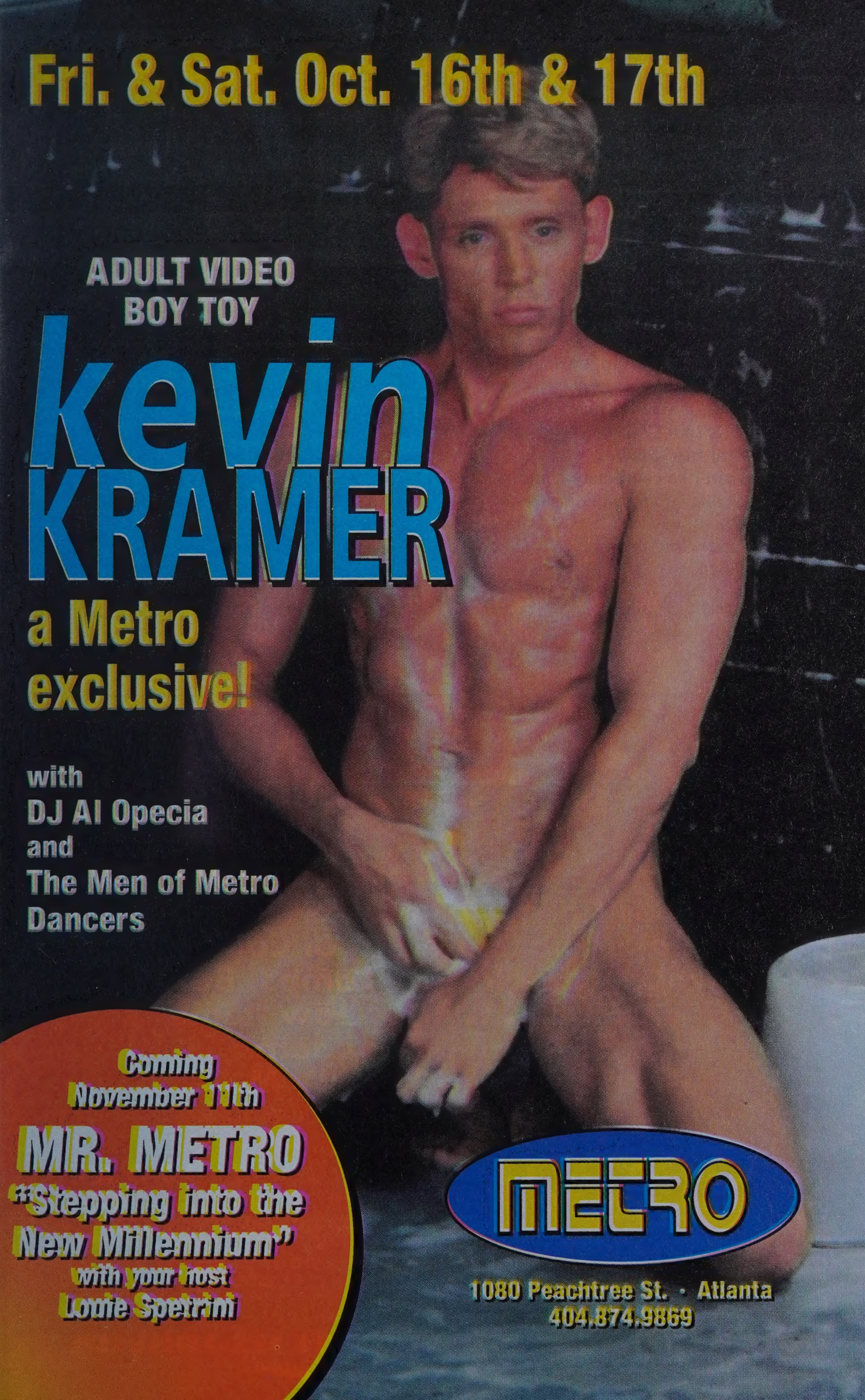

Cirque du Soleil’s aerial contortionist Isabelle Chassé.
photo: Al Seib

headless guest, carrying an umbrella, bookends the circus and serves as “Quidam’s” unofficial mascot, leading an angry, jaded little girl through a dreamscape of fantasy, mystery and nightmare.

The primary innovation of “Quidam” is an overhead conveyor - an extensive arced rail and pulley system that occupies the entire ceiling of the tent. The device transports sets, special effects and performers onto and across the stage. The tracking contraption is technically analogous to the revolving stage of Broadway’s “Les Misérables” in both its functionality and its aesthetic.

In its most overt operation, the conveyor is used to suspend a septet of acrobats in the Spanish Web, a synchronized ballet during which the performers tangle themselves in suspended ropes and alternately drop themselves from the ceiling toward the stage with the cords tied to their waists and ankles. Later, aerial contortionist Isabelle Chassé makes great use of the suspension system to knot herself into a diaphanous red cloth draped from the roof.

Act One begins with, perhaps, the most inventive of the vignettes. The German Wheel is an artful interpretation of those giant steel wheels that people roll within at fairs, festivals and carney attractions like Venice Beach or in Jackie Chan movies. Made up of two parallel steel hoops connected at a half-dozen strategic points, the wheel is like a giant coin rolling on its edge that tries to tip to a stop on a smooth floor but continually recovers itself. Looking like Leonardo DaVinci’s “Anatomy of Man,” the ripped and rippled Chris Lashua tumbles and rolls within the disc and among its rungs in



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Also on the playbill, a quartet of young Chinese girls spin Chinese yo-yos or "diabolos" between two spindles, with markswoman-like coordination and precision. More than a dozen performers tackle the Italian acrobatic tradition of Banquine, climbing and piling themselves to the rafters in a combination of strength, balance and coordination. And, of course, Cirque's signature clowns wreak pandemonium on the audience and each other.

Cirque's next North American tour, which has yet to be baptized, hits Santa Monica in September 1999. In the meantime, the new aquatic-themed Cirque show, "Eau," coached by Olympic swimming medalist Sylvie Frechette, opens this fall at the brand new Las Vegas hotel Bellagio, across the street from Cirque's permanent show "Mystère." And in January, a third permanent show, yet to be titled, opens in Orlando as part of the Walt Disney World entertainment resort.

"Quidam" ends its North American run in Atlanta Oct. 29 – Dec. 27. Performances are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $10.75 – $49 at Admission Network USA (800-678-5440) or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com. ▼

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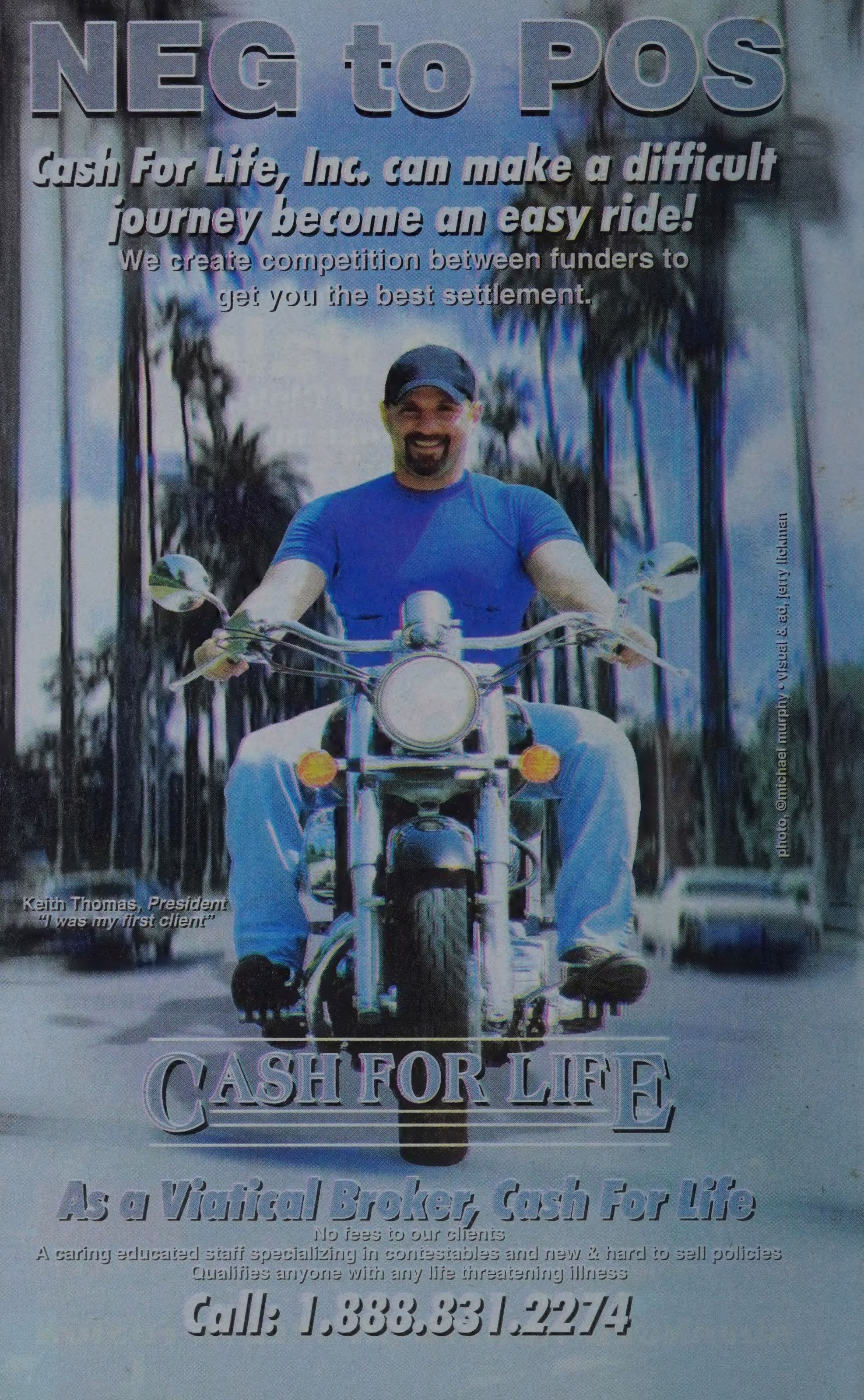

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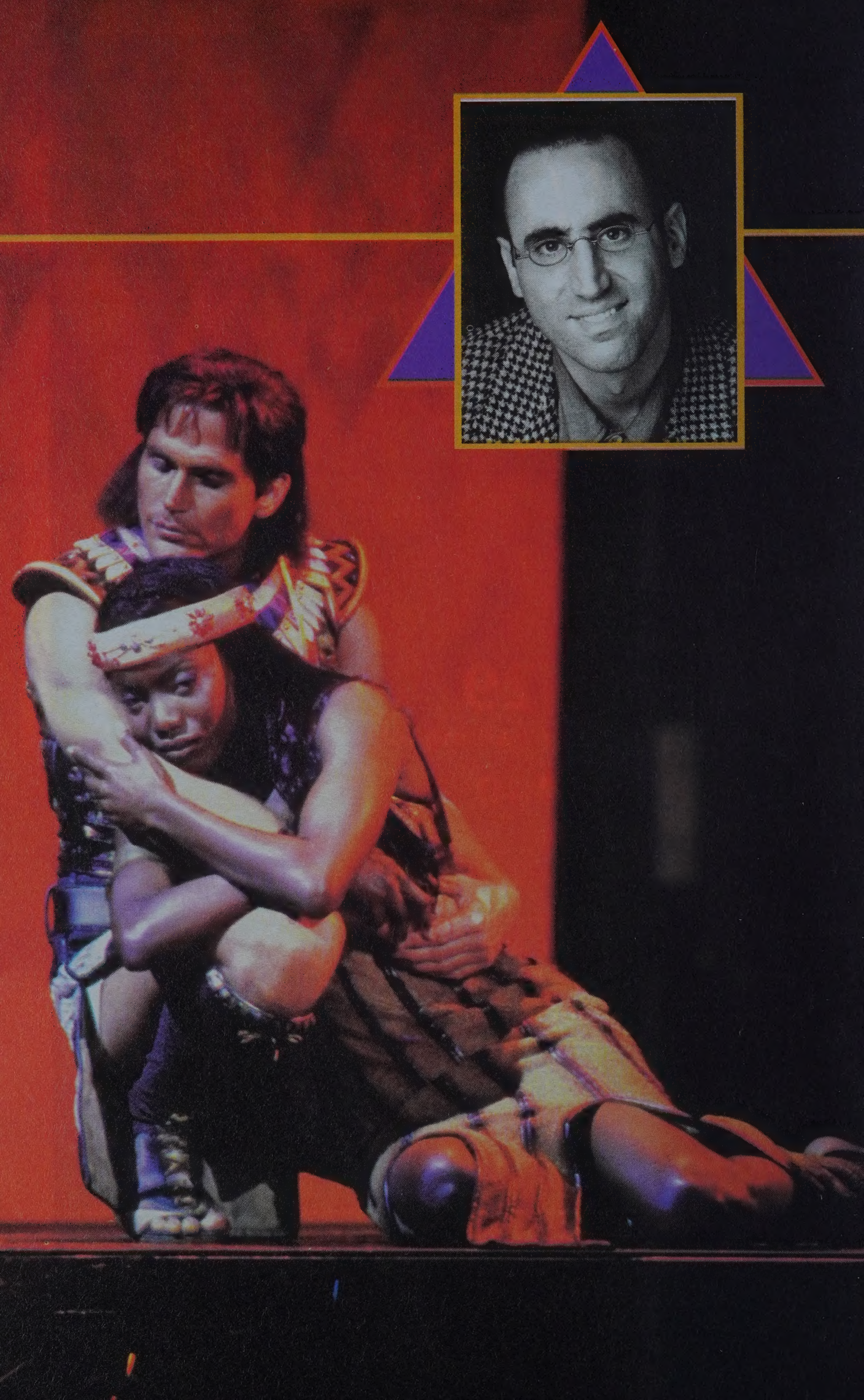

working for THE mouse

Rob Roth

by Elizabeth Elkins

Pulling together all of the creative energy of Walt Disney Theatrical Productions to give life to "Elaborate Lives" has been the responsibility of director Rob Roth.

"I'm just a gay man. I wouldn't know how to hide it," said director Rob Roth. The mild-mannered, well-dressed New Yorker is in town to direct the world premier of Walt Disney's new Tim Rice-Elton John musical "Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida." The show started previews at the Alliance Theatre Sept. 17, with the official opening night Oct. 7. Roth, who directed Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway is thrilled by this opportunity to create a new production.

Though based on Verdi's "Aida" opera, "Elaborate Lives" is essentially a clean slate, both musically and theatrically. It is a show that has been changing almost every night, as cast and crew work through new ideas and stage concepts. Roth hopes the show is on its way to Broadway.

The show itself is indeed a spectacle. Centered on an always-changing Egyptian pyramid set ("We call it the origami pyramid," Roth said with a laugh) and magnificent Rice-John tunes (which tug at your heartstrings with moving ballads then rock the house with funky up-beat numbers), "Elaborate Lives" is an incredibly acted and stunningly directed show.

First and foremost, it's a sweeping emotional saga of love and redemption. "It's a great story about finding strength, courage, nobility and the true meaning of love," Roth explained. "Lots of good and important and relevant issues."

Roth took a half hour from his hectic schedule to talk to Etcetera about the show,

What elaborate lives they lead: Radames (Hank Stratton, left) and Aida (Heather Headley).

photo: Joan Marcus

Elton John and just how he came to be the person behind the most talked about American musical of the year.

Etcetera: What's your take on "Elaborate Lives"?

Roth: It's a love story. It's the story of a girl brought as a slave to Egypt and she becomes handmaiden to an Egyptian princess. What the Egyptian princess does not know is that this slave is actually a princess from Nubia. They both fall in love with the same man and it's what ensues that is the story.

Aida (Heather Headley) is a Nubian princess forced into slavery, who falls in love with the wrong guy in Disney's "Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida," directed by Rob Roth.

photo: Joan Marcus

Etcetera: How does the music work with the story?

Roth: I love it. It's classic Elton John. It reminds me of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road"-era Elton – lots of beautiful ballads and good hard rock Elton John rock 'n' roll, which I always like. I think the score is incredible.

Etcetera: How do you compare directing "Elaborate Loves" to "Beauty and the Beast?"

Roth: It's very different in a lot of ways and the same in a lot of ways. It's different since this is not based on an animated film so we're starting basically from scratch. We used the opera as [a] source for mate-

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rial, but we have gone a long way with it. That was just kind of the spark that lit the flame for us. There is a lot more development work on the storytelling, which we are still doing. They're the same in that they both are rather large shows and directing means working with a rather large team of artists all coming together.

Etcetera: "Elaborate Lives" was constantly changing during previews. Can you give some examples of how it changed?

Roth: The changes are so numerous it's hard to know where to start. But here's an example of a recent change. There is a song that the three principals sang in Act I. While we were rehearsing in New York six weeks ago, we decided to remove it. It was a great song, but it just did not fit there. Elton John came to see the first preview and he said, "Hey! Remember that song from Act I? Do you think it would work at the beginning of Act II?" So Tim Rice rewrote some of the lyrics, and we put it there, and we all loved it. We're all constantly learning about the show, trying to make it as emotional as possible and to tell the story as clearly as we can.

Etcetera: What is distinctive about your directing?

Roth: Nothing, I hope. I hope when people watch it they aren't thinking about my work. They're thinking about the story. That's my trait.

Etcetera: How much was Elton John involved with the show?

Roth: Elton has been in to see it several times. He does a concert on Saturday night then flies in to see the matinee on Sunday here and

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Broadway here we come: Director Rob Roth instructing the "Elaborate Lives" cast during a Sept. 3, press conference.

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comes to the notes sessions.

I must have a hundred good Elton anecdotes. Actually, they are my anecdotes with Elton. One Sunday, we were sitting watching the show, and he started rocking out to it. That was a good moment for me. I thought, "Wow! This is Elton John sitting next to me at his own show rocking out to the music." It made me feel proud and happy. A special moment for me and him.

He invited me down to Atlanta before the show to watch him write some songs. That was amazing to be in [the] studio with him while he composes. It seems the melody comes very quickly to him. Tim Rice writes lyrics first, then Elton sits down and writes melodies, then his band comes in, and at the end of the day, there is a demo of the song.

Etcetera: You've said you are and have always been a huge Elton John fan. What is your favorite song?

Roth: "All the Young Girls Love Alice," "Danny Bailey" – it is so hard to say. I am such a big fan. Also "Mona Lisa and Mad Hatters." I like all his music. I always really have. It's been so fun the past few weeks because I have all [these] unreleased Elton John songs from the show in my hand.

Etcetera: What Disney memories do you have from your youth?

Roth: The first movie I ever went to, my parents took me to, was "Mary Poppins." I was also really into "The Jungle Book," which came out in 1967, so I was five. I even had the record. But in all honesty, I was more into Bugs Bunny when I was growing up.

Etcetera: What is you favorite Broadway show?

Roth: "Dream Girls." It was the perfect unity of set design, lighting design, costume design, stage design and music. It was directed by my idol, Michael Bennett, who has since died of AIDS. He was a genius. I saw it innumerable times.

Etcetera: How is it being openly gay and working for Disney?

Roth: It's totally fine. It's

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not an issue. I don't feel extra comfortable, I just feel like me. It is fortunate. I take it for granted in my life. Working in theater and being gay is an accepted thing, and I forget what it might be like to work in a place where it's not. I really count my blessings.

I am always openly gay. I haven't come across any weirdness about it at all, even when I've toured overseas with a show. I always wonder if straight people feel weird in the theater.

Etcetera: What do you think about recent animated Disney films?

Roth: "Mulan" is one of my favorites. It's fantastic - really emotional and dramatic like an adult film, and it has a great voice by Eddie Murphy. He reminds me of Robin Williams in "Aladdin" - it's that kind of great vocal performance. The combination of those two things made for an emotional and funny film. I loved "Hercules," too. I like the Disney animated films, and I'm not just saying it 'cause I work for the company, because I have nothing to do with those.

Etcetera: What do you hope to be doing in the future?

Roth: I hope to be working on "Elaborate Lives" on Broadway or all over the world. This is my ideal directing job.

"Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida" stars Heather Headley (Broadway's "The Lion King"), Sherie Scott (Broadway's "Rent") and Hank Stratton (Alliance's "Angels in America") and runs through Nov. 8, at the Alliance Theatre. For tickets, call the Woodruff Arts Center box office at 404-733-5000. ▼

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astral projections

by Ava Voorhis

LIBRA (*Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)* A new project has caught your eye, and you're off and running! So what's new? Your concentration has always been on making your surroundings more attractive, and this week's project is no exception. Let's just hope your budget can keep up with your decorating taste.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23 – Nov. 22)* Life doesn't come with an instruction manual, as you probably are finding out. There are a few surprises coming your way, and you need to emphasize the good ones as much as you do the bad ones. There's a tremendous opportunity for growth now, and you're probably growing so fast it hurts. Hang in there.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)* Aren't new relationships great? The world has a brighter glow these days, and that Sagittarian shine is definitely a part of it! You're in that stage where you dare to hope for the best of all possible worlds. And who knows? You might just get it!

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)* Whether you like it or not, sometimes people change. It might even be for the better, but you're so resistant to seeing any signs of change that you may not see that right now. Take some space from the situation, if needed, but do what you need to do to clear your head. *You're missing the obvious.*

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20 – Feb. 19)* To be so smart, you sure can be clueless! Or is that stubborn? Sometimes playing dumb can be a form of stubbornness, and you're playing that role for all it's worth. It may get you out of doing some things you don't want to do or face, but it also takes considerable effort to keep up the act. Is it worth it?

PISCES *(Feb. 20 – March 20)* As much as you think you're involved in some "drama" for all the right reasons, you're probably not. That martyr complex is all well and good – sometimes it does earn you the peace-making reputation that you have – but you crave just a little too much glory for your efforts. Sometimes the situation would be better served if you stay out of it!

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ARIES *(March 21 – April 19)* Never cross a Ram! Look at all those silly people who haven't yet learned their lesson. You're on the *rampage* this week. Though the word "compassion" doesn't generally come readily to mind when you're in this state, you would do well to consider it anyway. Besides, some people are just idiots and really can't help it.

TAURUS *(April 20 – May 20)* An ex who just can't let go may be a bit troublesome for you this week, particularly since you're none too eager to address the situation head on. Sure, the ex's actions are grating enough, but your reaction to them isn't helping. It's about time you figured out which part of this you have control over. It's a lot less than you think.

GEMINI *(May 21 – June 21)* Matters of the home take priority this week as you decide that your home is completely unlivable. You might even consider finding a new place. If the mood strikes you, go for it! Renovations to the current place are more likely, though. Whatever the outcome, you'll have a better home to show for it.

CANCER *(June 22 – July 21)* You're going through a lot of changes right now, and when you stop to think about them all, you get pretty overwhelmed. What's the solution? Well, you can start by not thinking so much. You know in your gut what needs to change within you, and it's high time that it does.

LEO *(July 22 – Aug. 21)* Sometimes trips and vacations can be every bit as exhausting as the work that caused you to want a vacation in the first place! Don't be hard on yourself if you need a day or two just to recover from the travel. That's what you get for playing so hard.

VIRGO *(Aug. 22 – May 22)* Things are looking up financially as you take a turn around a rough corner. Was all the fuss and commotion worth it? Probably not right now, but sometimes the adversities don't seem so bad once you've got the prize in hand.

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by Danny Ingram

Hotlanta soccer expands

After eight years, the Hotlanta Soccer Association (HSA) is ready to expand beyond its current successful Hotlanta Heat team to include a recreational team. For a number of years, HSA has struggled over the best way to expand its organization to include new players, who may lack the skills necessary to compete at an advanced level. At the end of this year's fall season, HSA will put together its first recreational team to compete in the same spring Decatur/DeKalb YMCA league as the competitive Hotlanta Heat.

HSA was formed in 1990 to compete in Vancouver's Gay Games 3. In Vancouver, HSA did not win any games or even score a single goal. Four years later, the Hotlanta Heat placed eighth at the New York Games, and this year the Heat placed fourth in Amsterdam's Gay Games 5.

HSA president Tim Kendall explained that the Hotlanta Heat team is composed of players from a wide range of skill levels - from beginners to players who attended college on full soccer scholarships. But the level of competition is high in Division 1 of the Decatur/DeKalb YMCA league, and the Heat has placed within the top three teams in the league about 80 percent of the time over the past seven years. The Heat has even won the league championship several times. The team is "pushing the competitive side," said Kendall.

The Heat broached a new level of competition at Gay Games 5 where they were the only U.S. team to compete in the most advanced division of play. Soccer was the most highly represented sport geographically at the Amsterdam Games with 40 teams representing 17 countries. The Heat competed against 21 other teams in the Competitive Division of the tournament where they advanced to the quarter finals defeating number one-ranked Berlin in overtime. The Heat lost in the quarter finals to Munich, who would go on to place second. Kendall hopes to have a full roster of 45 players before expanding. The group currently has a roster of 35.

Hotlanta Soccer is an active organization that includes its own booster club and volunteers frequently in local charity efforts, including those of AIDS Walk Atlanta, Project Open Hand and the Human Rights Campaign. "We try to be more than just a sports organization," Kendall said.

For more information about HSA, call Tim Kendall at 404-283-5334.

Tim Kendall

The Hotlanta Softball League's 1998 season started April 5. Pictured is part of the team during Gay Games 5.

Bowlers still out on the lanes

More than 500 bowlers compete weekly in Atlanta's eight gay and lesbian fall bowling leagues, which include the 22-year-old Lambda Bowling League, the oldest gay and lesbian sports organization in the Southeast. Most of the eight leagues bowl at Brunswick Express Lanes on Piedmont Circle. Four of the leagues fill the entire house.

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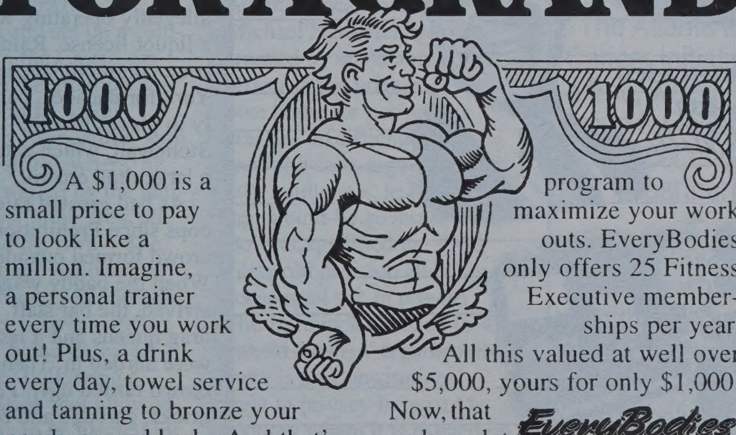

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QUEER HISTORY 101

Events Mark the Movement

by Christopher S. Connelly

October is Gay and Lesbian History Month, so here is a quick refresher course in gay and lesbian history - the significant events that mark the past.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY: Founded by Communist Party organizer and historian Harry Hay in Los Angeles in 1948 - 50, it was the first long-standing gay rights organization in the country. More importantly, it was the beginning of a national web of pro-gay organizations. By 1955, 100 discussion groups existed in Los Angeles alone. By 1960, the Mattachines were the largest gay-rights movement in the country.

STONEWALL: Friday, June 27, 1969, the day of Judy Garland's funeral, was when history was made. It was past midnight that hot, full-mooned evening when six of New York's Finest raided the Stonewall Inn (55 Christopher St.) in Greenwich Village for allegedly operating without a liquor license. Raids had been commonplace in New York for decades, particularly in places like the Stonewall, which catered to a large drag crowd.

As had greeted raiding cops since Prohibition, a crowd formed outside. When the paddy wagon arrived, the bar staff, some drag queens and a lesbian were herded in. Then the crowd turned ugly. Pennies, bricks, garbage and bottles were suddenly hurled at the police and shouts of "Gay Power!" filled the night. The six officers retreated inside the Stonewall until rein-

The Famous Stonewall Inn.

San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk

1965 Mattachine Society Protest at the White House forcements arrived, but it was already out of their hands. Rioting and celebration continued for a week. Inside a month, the Gay Liberation Front was formed and then the Gay Activists Alliance. The modern gay rights movement had begun.

ANITA BRYANT: In 1977, the unlikely personage of Miss America runner-up and semi-singer Anita Bryant turned gay rights into a national issue. Outraged over the passage of Dad County Florida's gay rights bill, she formed "Save Our Children" and spearheaded an effort to put the legislation to a vote. In June 1978, a referendum in Florida backed her up, repealing the legislation by a sickening 69 percent to 31 percent vote. In her wake, similar losses occurred that year in St. Paul, Minn., Wichita, Can. and Eugene, Ore.

HARVEY MILK: As unlikely a hero as Anita Bryant was a villain, Harvey Milk, a Republican New York stockbroker, moved to San Francisco after Stonewall and set up a camera shop in the Castro district. When he attempted to join the Eureka Valley Merchant's Association with other gay store owners, he was stonewalled by the anti-gay owners in the area, so he founded his own - The Castro Village Association. Milk ran for city supervisor three times between 1973 and 1976, being defeated every time. Following a reorganization that allowed supervisors to be elected by local districts, Milk ran again in 1977 and won, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the country and the first in California.

Less than a year after being sworn in, Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by ex-supervisor and ex-cop Dan White. That night the first of many candlelight vigils originated in the Castro, this one heading down Market Street to City Hall. The following May, when the jury in the case delivered a verdict of manslaughter (not murder) to White, outrage followed with a march where whistles were substituted for candles. A three-hour riot ensued in which 12 cop cars were destroyed and 61 officers and 100 demonstrators were hospitalized. From the ashes of Harvey Milk emerged a cohesive and politically influential gay community in San Francisco.

BOWERS VS. HARDWICK: Argued in front of the U.S. Supreme Court beginning in March 1986 and decided on June 30, of that year, perhaps our biggest political set-back of the 1980s began here in Atlanta. Local bartender Michael Hardwick was arrested by an Atlanta police officer in the privacy of his own home for performing oral sex on a friend. The resulting case, argued by our own adulterous, lesbian-firing, would-be governor Mike Bowers, qualified the 1965 Griswold decision allowing consensual sex in private. The Hardwick decision (5-4) upheld Bowers' argument that there is no Constitutional right to privacy in regard to sodomy where it is banned on a state level. On paper that means hetero as well as homosexual sex acts, but we all know differently. ▼

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Are we through?

episode thirty-seven

by Mike Anderson

Juan cried every day for nearly two weeks. He hadn't eaten or exercised or even shopped. Cherri knew something was wrong when Juan began dressing like a boy again. She wanted to help, but whenever she approached the subject, Juan would sob uncontrollably for hours, so she thought it best to leave the topic alone.

Cherri had done well since breaking it off with Tammy. She rarely cried but she was afraid. After her apartment was vandalized, she was constantly looking over her shoulder wondering what would happen next. Cherri's only hope was if Tammy should find a new girlfriend to be obsessed about.

"What a great team you and I make," Cherri said, as she burst through the door of Juan's room. "I got us two pints of Ben and Jerry's. You are going to eat one of them, because I can't afford to eat both."

"What kind is it?" Juan asked, with a slight smile on his face.

"Chunky Monkey and Cherry Garcia."

"All right. It's not like being a fat slob will make any difference now. I'll take Cherry Garcia"

"Did Nick go back to his wife?" she blurted out as she handed him the ice cream and spoon.

"Not that I know of," Juan said without becoming teary eyed. "We are going out tonight. And I have to tell him it's over."

"Why?" Cherri asked, as she removed the lid from her ice cream

"Because it's the right thing to do. I love him so much, and I'm not sure I'm strong enough to end it," Juan said, as he put a spoon full of ice cream in his mouth.

"Does the gender re-assignment thing have anything to do with your decision?"

"Yeah, I realize that I can't be someone else so that Nick will love me. You were right. I lost myself in him and forgot who I was. So much so that I was willing to change my gender just to keep him. Is that crazy or what?"

"I'm glad you aren't going through with it, but the fact that you can love so completely is sweet," she said as she ate another bite of ice cream. "I've never loved anyone with that much intensity."

"I wish it didn't hurt so badly. How can you get over Tammy without being in so much pain?"

"Well, the first thing is, she trashed my apartment, so I know I made the right move. Another is, she isn't as slick as Nick. And most of all, I have been reading a great book called 'The Rules.'"

"Oh, I saw it on 'Oprah,'" Juan said, "but I thought it was for straight women."

"A lot of it applies to me. I try too hard to get someone to love me. I change who I am and what I believe in whenever I meet someone I like."

"Sounds like me, too. Can I read it?"

"Sure, but be aware: Rule 23 is 'Don't Date Married Men.'"

After spending the afternoon reading the book, Juan went to Cherri and told her that the book was written about him. He was now determined to end this with Nick.

When Nick showed up, Juan was dressed in a pair of Structure denim painters shorts and an orange pullover that looked good with his skin color.

"Why are you dressed like that?" Nick asked.

Juan tried to gather the courage and quickly said in one breath, "I've been thinking that maybe Dr. Rhodes is right. Maybe I'm jumping into this too quick."

"And when did you make this decision?" Nick asked angrily.

"I don't know. I've been thinking about it for a while."

"And when were you planning to share your revelation with me?" he asked like he was cross-examining a witness.

"I was worried about how you would react." Without any drama in his voice, Juan said, "I love you and want you in the worst way, but I cannot be someone else so you will love me."

Nick wasn't listening. He was angry and didn't want to hear that his plans weren't working out. "So, I guess we're through. We made a deal, and you're not following through with your part of the bargain. Is this your decision? Are we through?"

Every muscle in Juan's body wanted him to scream, "No!" but he didn't. Actually he didn't say anything but stared at Nick trying to memorize the face he was sure he would never see again. After a few moments, Nick walked out of the house, went down the steps and drove away. ▼

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Coming out, again

In this season of National Coming Out Day (it was Oct. 11, for those of you that didn't know) I always think to myself, "Is there anyone left for me to come out to?" This year, however, I find myself thinking of definitions. Lately, my sexual orientation seems more complex than "lesbian." Actually, for a couple of years I have toyed with the idea of calling myself bisexual. So far, I haven't because it's been eight or nine years since I've had sex with a man.

But, unlike many of my lesbian sisters, I have fond memories of sex with men. I didn't turn to women because I disliked men. In fact, much to my surprise (and perhaps my wife's) I still find myself attracted to men, and I know I could enjoy sex with a man again.

On the other hand, I do prefer sex with women, and I could not see myself in a long-term committed relationship with a man. Of course, if you know anything at all about me, you know that the women I'm attracted to have a certain butch quality; then there's my attraction to transsexual and transgender men. When you acknowledge more than two genders, as I do, sexual orientation becomes all the more difficult to define. So maybe you are beginning to understand my dilemma over definitions. Am I a lesbian? Or am I bisexual or something else altogether?

Does the simple fact of my attraction to men, or someone with a masculine gender expression, make me bisexual, even if I never encounter a flesh-and-blood penis again? Are my happy memories of a vibrant heterosexual sex life enough to make me bi? When I fantasize with my girlfriend (not to be confused with my wife) that she is a man, or even sometimes a boy, does that make me bisexual or just a pervert? Can, or should, I continue to call myself a lesbian if I lust in my heart to be bisexual?

Does the simple fact of my attraction to men, or someone with a masculine gender expression, make me bisexual, even if I never encounter a flesh-and-blood penis again?

Maybe it doesn't really matter what I call myself. Except that I am part of a movement that is still trying to define itself, as well. I have stuck with "lesbian" for so long, in part, as a political definition. The gay and lesbian movement has tacked on bisexual and transgender, almost as an afterthought sometimes. Since I wasn't actively bisexual, I guess I figured I'd let the women (and men) who were actively involved with the opposite sex do the bisexual work, because it felt like there was so much work to be done in the gay and lesbian community. Sometimes it seems like coalition building can be easier from inside than from outside, so it might be easier to be a lesbian

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voice speaking for inclusion of bisexuals and trans folks than to be a bisexual pounding on the door trying to get in. But then if I call myself a lesbian, my attractions to men tend to be either scoffed at, disbelieved or considered offensive.

Maybe it does matter, because we are at a time of actively defining ourselves as a civil rights movement. Are we a relatively small group of people who express same-sex love and just want to be accepted by mainstream America? Or are we the vanguard of a revolution that will bring about a new era of sexual freedom? (Obviously, I vote for the latter.) Those questions are at the root of our decisions about everything from what our priorities are as a movement to who gets to join our little party. Are we a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement that supports the rights of other sexual outlaws, like sex workers and kinky heterosexual? Or are we simply an auxiliary for the Log Cabin Republicans? (There is a voice that I respect in the back of my head – you know who you are – saying, "Don't put down Republicans!") Actually, I am very glad that the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender movement is big enough to include gay Republicans. I just hope it is always big enough to include me.

I have always liked the word "queer" because it encompasses so many possibilities. But when I use it, most people still just assume that I am a lesbian including myself in a larger community. My bisexual friends assure me that ultimately I am the only one who can identify and define my own sexual orientation. So now that National Coming Out Day has come and gone again this year, let me come out again, this time as a bisexual, queer, kinky, transgressively gendered pervert in a (hopefully) long-term relationship with the most exciting three people I have ever met. ▼

Draggin' It Out

by Tina Devore

Dahlings! The middle of October is upon us, and many of us move into high gear as we prepare for one of the favorite of gay holidays, Halloween. Though some of us have the pleasure of playing dress-up year-round, for others it's the perfect opportunity to slip into that sexy little spandex number you've had in the closet and pretend you're **Cindy Crawford**, **Naomi Campbell** or maybe even **Ally McBeal**. At any rate, you can be who or what you want to be and nobody will hold it against you. Just remember, when it's all over, those costumes become perfect gifts for your favorite drag queens.

Buddies Cheshire Square is continuing it's annual Halloween tradition by presenting one of Atlanta's best all-around theme parties. This year they present "A Night in Hollywood Cemetery, featuring Dead Legends." This is a **Church-Gresham-Namors** Production, and if you know these three, you can rest assured that you will not be disappointed. But don't forget your costume.

Jon Rou

Wonder Woman (Raven) fighting evil with her superhero powers at Blake's.

Speaking of "dress-up," Atlanta's own Barbie doll, **Raven**, was special guest at Blake's on Tuesday, Sept. 29, where she delighted the crowd as Wonder Woman for their weekly Wonder Woman Revival. I'm told that while **Linda Carter** wowed the crowd in old Wonder Woman shows on the big-screen TV, Raven proved that she is the *real* WW by going out into the street and actually stopping a passing bus!

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Girlzilla (threatened the judges and) won the coveted "The Annual Miss Toy Zone Pageant: 40 Years in the Gutter" title.

Over at the Metro, on Wednesday, Sept. 30, the one and only **ARGE** presented "The Annual Miss Toy Zone Pageant: 40 Years in the Gutter." The event was hosted by **Trina Saxxon** (first runner-up 1977), **Betty Jack DeVine** (Miss Toy Zone 1963) and **Ryan Cannon** (Honorary Miss Toy Zone – Aspen). The four "lovely" contestants were **Queen Mookie**, **Girlzilla**, **Integra**, and last-minute entry **Brittany Fairchild**. In the end, however, it was the charismatic Girlzilla, who emerged the victor with Brittany close on her heels. Congrats to ARGE and the Metro staff for a fun-filled Wednesday night.

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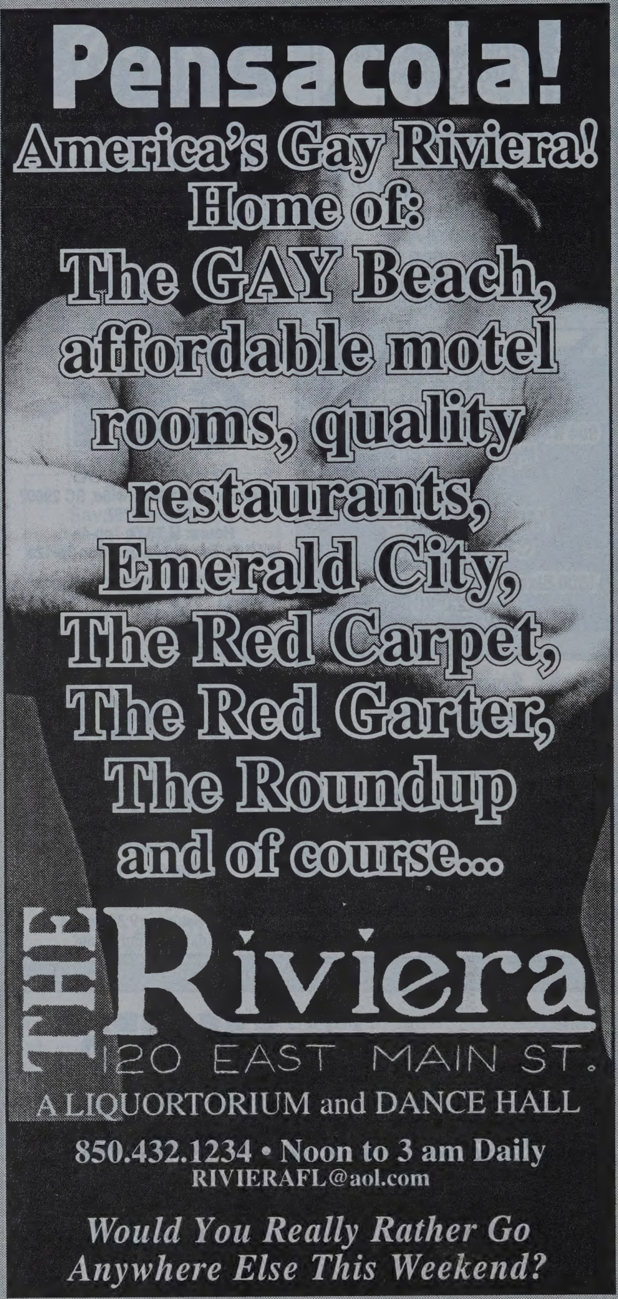

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of an adjustment was leaving our hotel at 11:00 a.m., with the sun beaming down upon my very softly (ha!) painted mug, but I digress.

The new Parliament House of Augusta has added weekly shows to its lineup of entertainment. The shows feature not only local girls but also guests from other cities, such as Charlotte, N.C., Charleston, S.C. and Columbia, S.C. They also have a pool, hot tub, movie rooms, trails, a "Tower" (I'm scared to ask what happens there) and the newly opened maze. Thanks to **Miss Dixie Devine** for the update.

The Miss Otherside Pageant has been set for Monday, Nov. 16. As of this time, I am unclear of the categories, but call John Fox at 404-875-5238 for further details. While on the subject of the Otherside, let me remind you that Thursday night is now Latino Night, and don't forget that Los Angeles lesbian comedian **Georgia Ragsdale** will perform on Thursday, Nov. 5.

The lovely **Miss Nichole Ellington Dupree** is no longer at Charlie Brown's X-rated Cabaret but may be seen now at the Connection in Nashville. Her Atlanta fans will certainly miss her, but our loss becomes Nashville's gain. Much luck to Nichole.

In other pageant news, the 23rd Annual Miss Apollo Pageant presented by the Mystic Krewe of Apollo in Birmingham was held on Sept 12. This is one of Alabama's most prestigious and treasured titles. Second runner-up was **Kelly Paige**, first runner-up **Holly Dayz** and the new Miss Apollo, **Jennifer Lynne**. The Miss Northeast Pacific Pageant was held on Saturday Sept. 26, in Jacksonville, Fla. Special entertainment was provided by former winners **Chavon Scott**, **Paula Sinclair**, **Tina Knight**, **Basia** and **Stasha Sanchez**. From a field of seven contestants, the winners were second runner-up **Nikki Bonet**, first runner-up **Tamisha Iman** and winner **Yasmine Campbell Starr**. The Miss Orlando Florida National crown was captured by **Danielle Hunter**, with former Atlantan **Mocha Montrese** placing first runner-up.

Just a quick reminder about my info line (404-256-8559). In closing, dah-lings, don't forget AIDS Walk Atlanta this Sunday. Get out those sneakers (or pumps, if you dare) and meet me at the park. ▼

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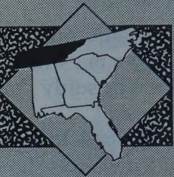

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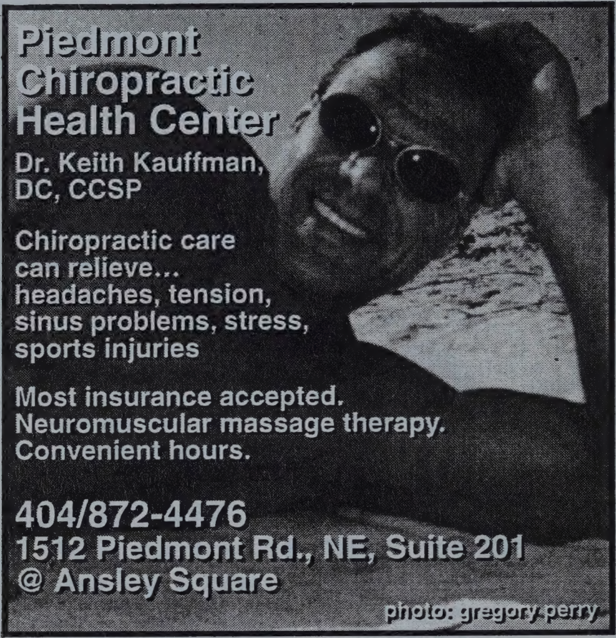

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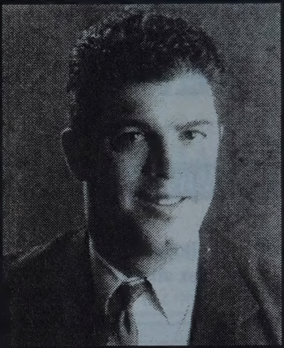

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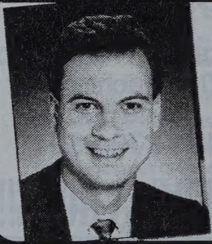

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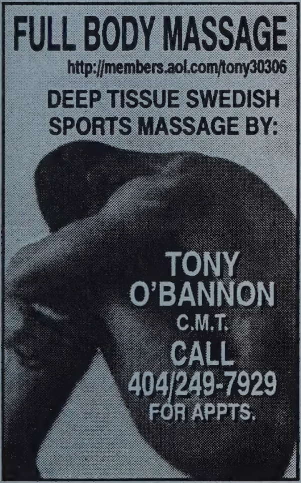

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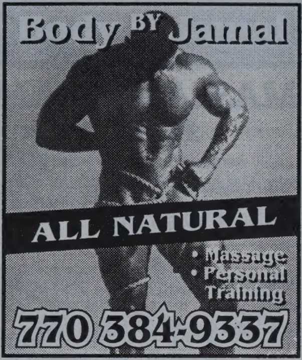

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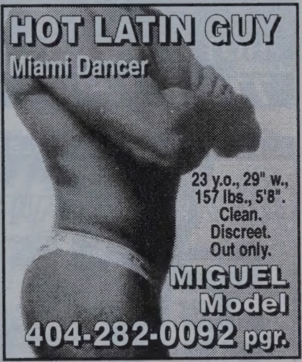

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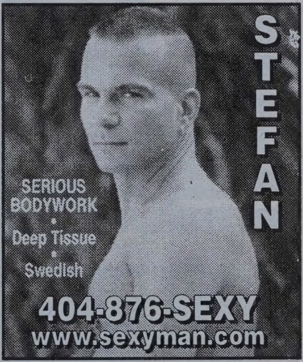

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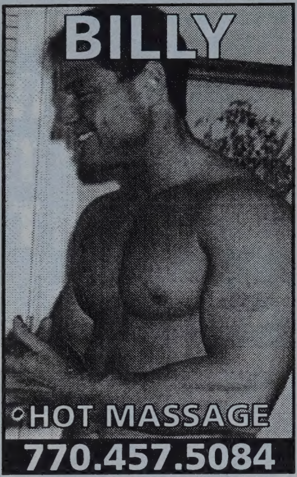
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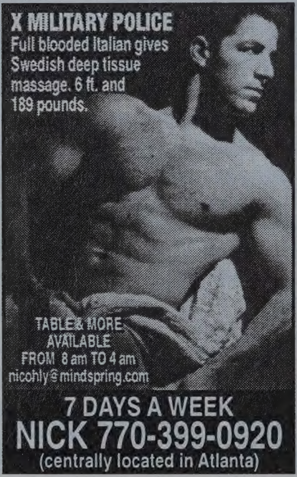
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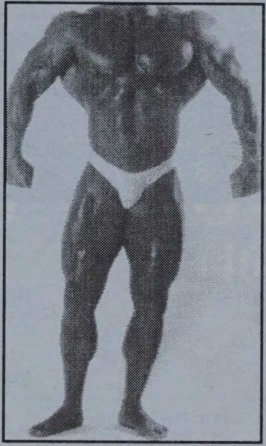

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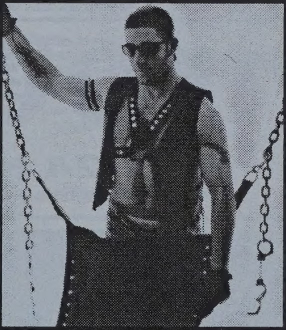

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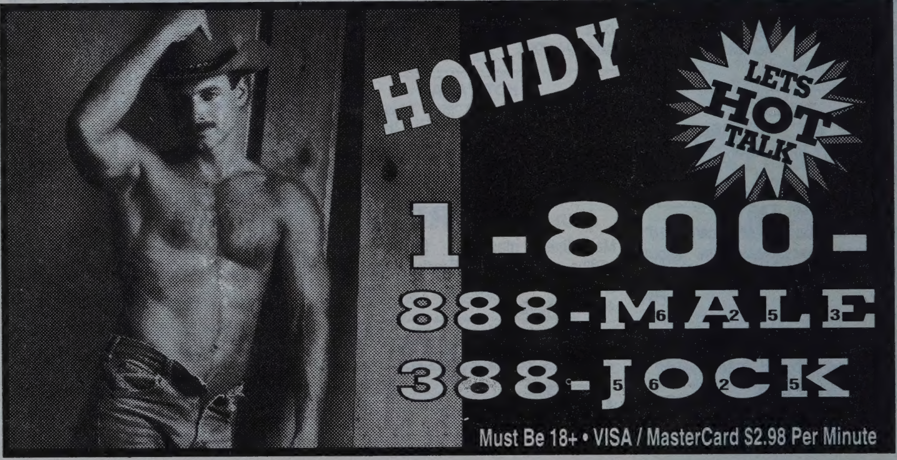

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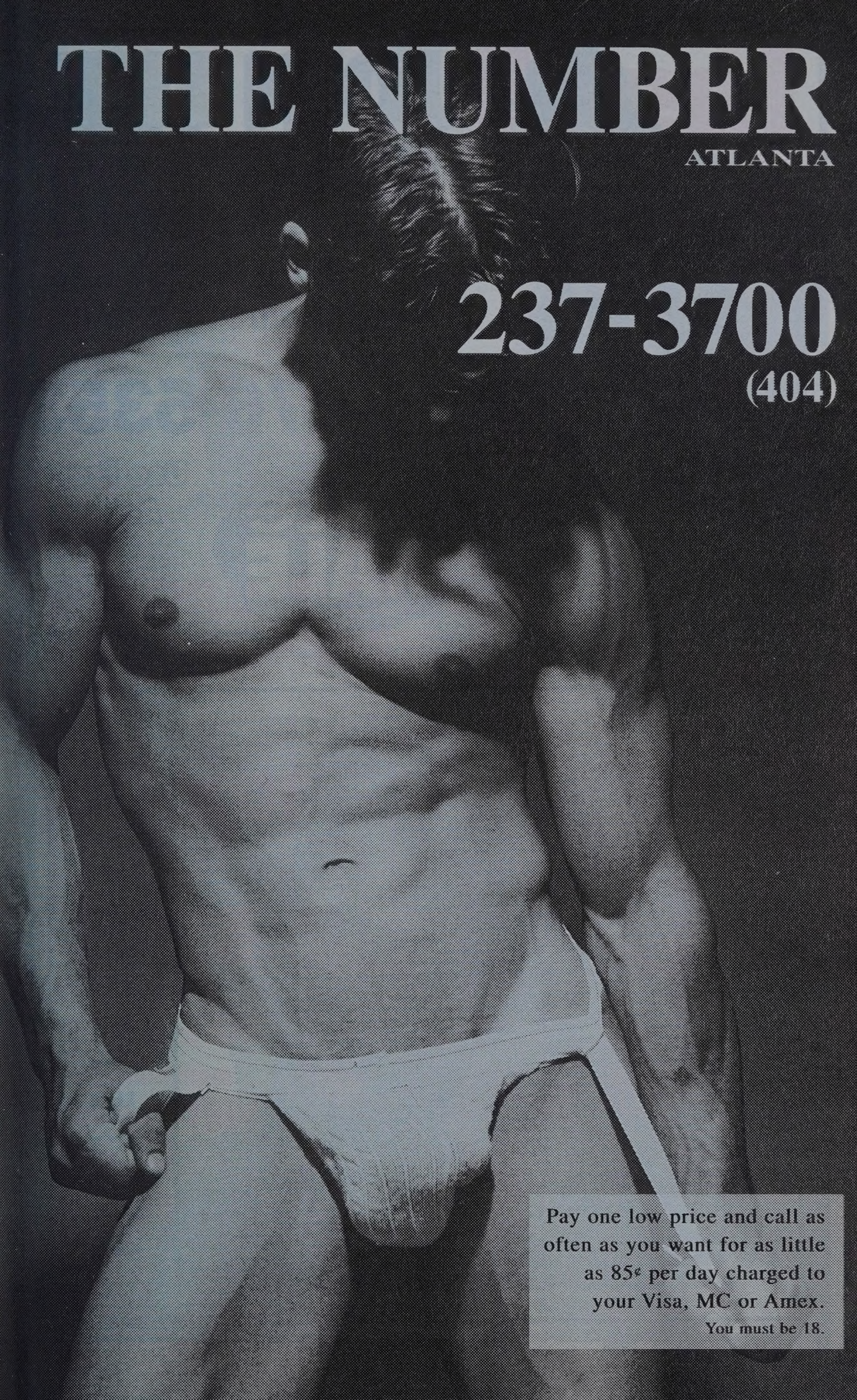

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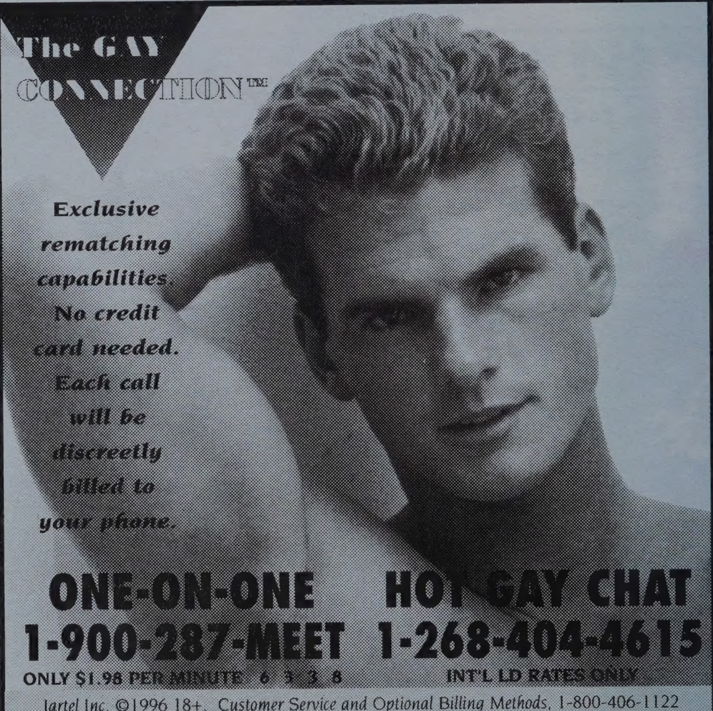

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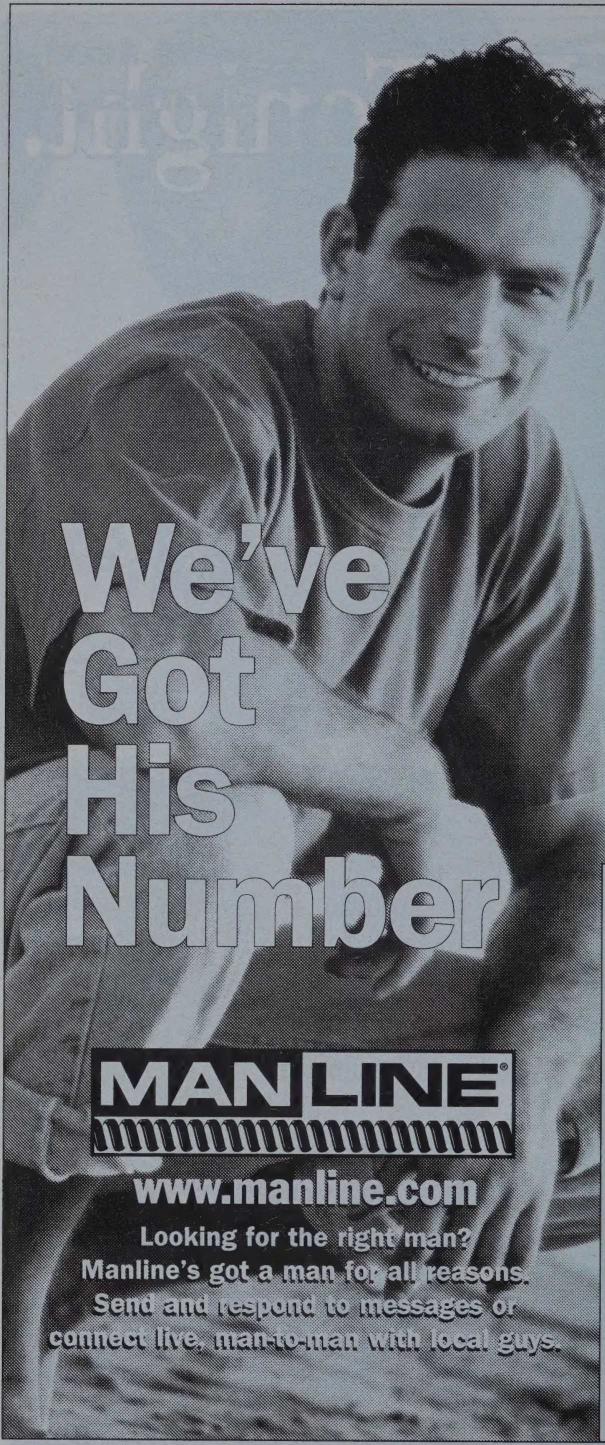

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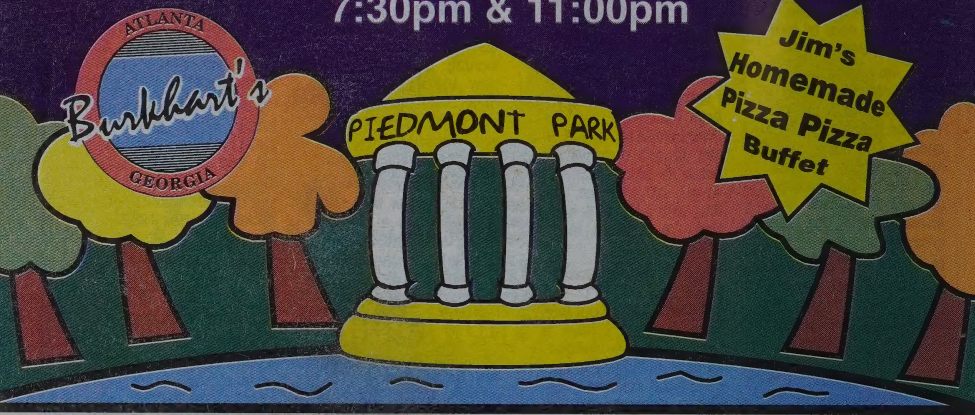
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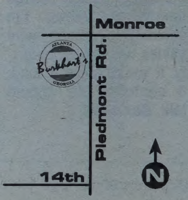
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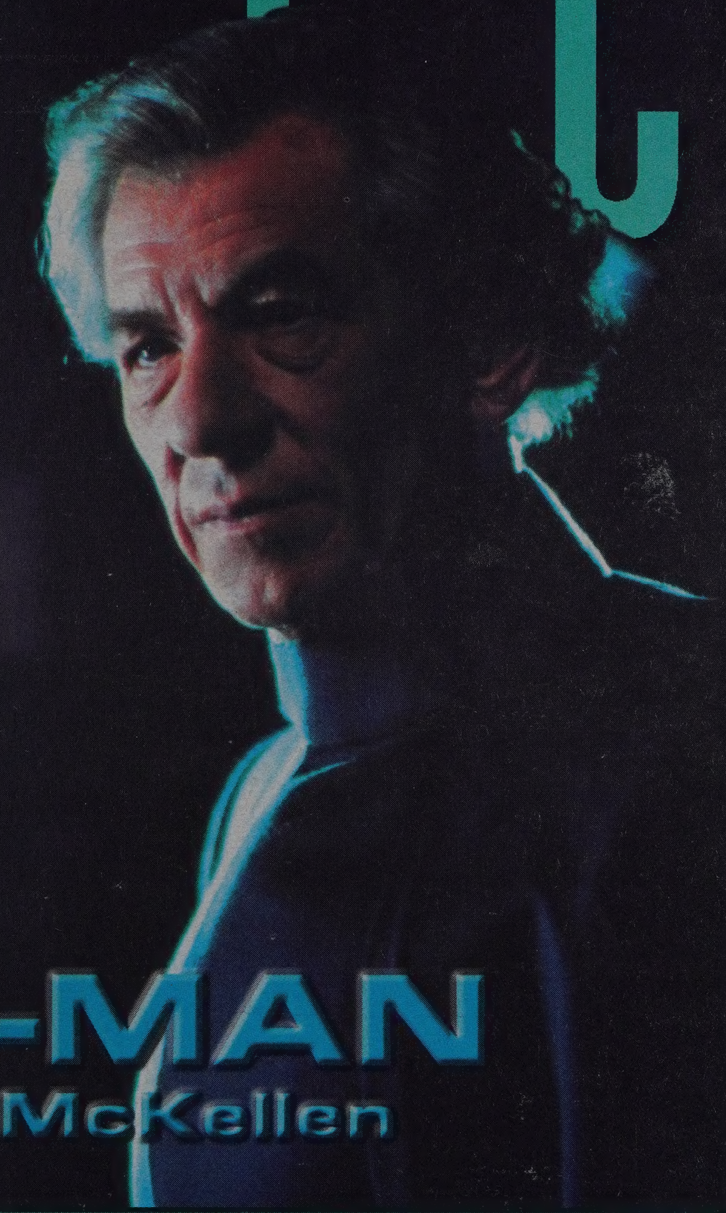

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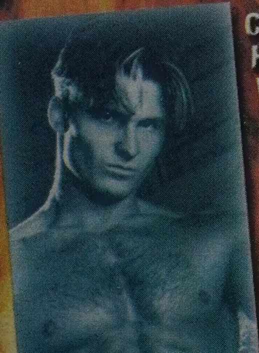

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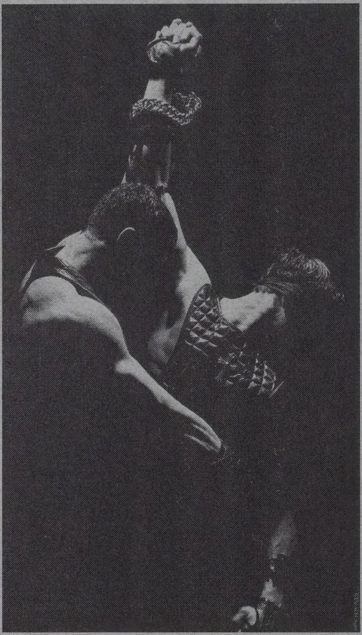

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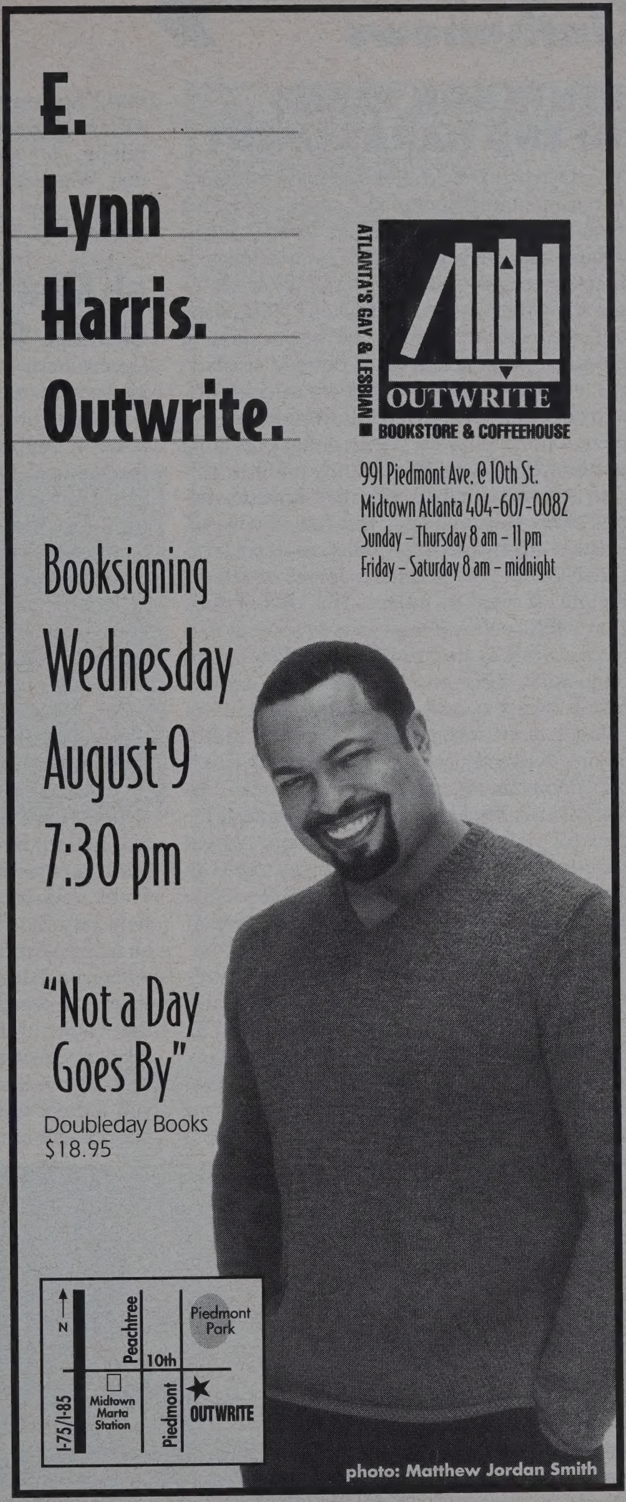

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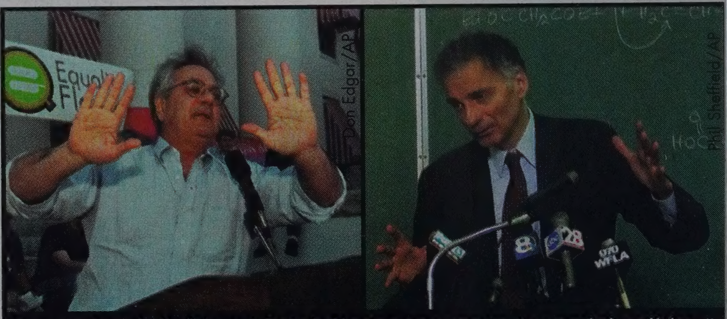
PENTAGON PLANS TO END HARASSMENT

The Defense Department unveiled an "antiharassment action plan," July 21, that requires military commanders to take action against anyone who engages in, condones or ignores antigay behavior. "We think we've got it right this time," said Carol DiBattiste, undersecretary of the Air Force. Speaking at the same news conference, Bernard Rostker, the undersecretary of Defense, said he disagreed with President Bill Clinton's statement, after the July 1999 antigay beating death of Pfc. Barry Winchell by a fellow soldier at Fort Campbell, Ky., that implementation of his policy on gays was "out of whack." Rostker maintained the policy worked "reasonably well" to "provide a degree of safety" for gay service members. The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy allows gays to serve in uniform as long as they don't reveal their sexual orientation. One problem has been unwarranted investigations of people suspected of being gay or lesbian. There also is a fear among discreetly gay service members that if they complain about harassment, they will be discharged. Michelle Benecke, co-executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund, an advocate for gay rights in the military and a frequent critic of Pentagon policy, called the DiBattiste panel's report thoughtful and considered. "Today's recommendations, if implemented, would be a very good start," Benecke said. Maj. Gen. Richard A. Cody, the new commanding general at Fort Campbell, said the military's gay policy will be strictly enforced at the base and that soldiers are receiving extensive training to ensure "all of our soldiers, civilian employees and family members are treated with the utmost respect and dignity." Winchell's killer, Pvt. Calvin N. Glover, was convicted of premeditated murder in a December court-martial and sentenced to a life term in prison. Winchell's roommate, Spc. Justin R. Fisher, was sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison for his role in the killing. At Glover's trial, soldiers testified that Winchell was relentlessly taunted with antigay slurs in the months leading up to his slaying.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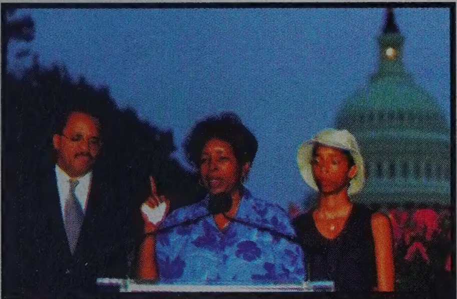
Barney Frank (left) and Ralph Nader engage in "gonadal politics."

FRANK VS. NADER OVER GAY RIGHTS

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader and openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D–Mass.) are at each other's throats over the issue of support for gay rights. Speaking to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., July 18, Nader took issue with Frank's statement that Vice President Al Gore would be a better supporter of civil rights than longtime consumer and environmental advocate Nader. "I've been an advocate for civil liberties and civil rights when [Frank] was trying to figure out how to play soccer in elementary school, and I don't need to be lectured by him about this," Nader said. But Frank told the Associated Press later that day that Nader's interest in civil rights is "an election-year conversion," particularly regarding gay rights. "I am glad he is there, but how does that make him a better advocate than someone who has been there for 15 or 20 years?" Frank said. In a letter to Nader released publicly July 24, Frank credited Gore with being an active advocate for gays. "On the one issue where he falls short – the question of marriage – I remember when we were fighting this battle in 1996, you [Nader] refused to take a position against the Defense of Marriage Act on the dismissive ground that you did not wish to get involved in 'gonadal politics,'" Frank said. "Your desire to avoid what you deride as 'gonadal politics' and I think of as the fight for gay and lesbian rights has been consistent."

VIGIL, WEB SITE PUSH FOR HATE-CRIME LAW

Some of the hundreds who attended a Washington, D.C., vigil for a gay black murder victim, July 20, say they hope it illuminates the need for Congress to pass broader hate-crimes protections. "As you light your lights, remember that somewhere in the dark halls of Congress, maybe your effort is the light that turns on the hearts of congressmen," said Rep. Julia Carson (D-Ind), a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and a supporter of hate-crimes legislation. The event was called to remember Arthur Warren, a black gay man from Grant Town, W.Va., who was beaten to death July 4 and then run over by a car to make it look like a hit-and-run accident. An anonymous source close to the investigation told the Associated Press Warren was killed because he wanted to reveal a sexual relationship he claimed to have had with David Allen Parker and Jared Wilson, the two white 17-year-old boys charged with killing him. The FBI announced July 20 it is opening a preliminary inquiry into his death. The announcement came hours after Warren's parents met with the No. 2 official at the Justice Department and FBI officials. Among those in attendance at the vigil was a representative of President Clinton. At the vigil in front of the U.S. Capitol, Warren's mother and his pastor asked that his death not be in vain.



Brenda Warren (center) speaks at a vigil in memory of her son.

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Gay Men's Health Summit
July 20 - 23, 2000 Boulder, Colorado

Several Atlanta men attended the Gay Men's Health Summit.

— GMHS

Summit examines gay health beyond AIDS

More than 450 people - among them activists, physicians and health-care workers - met in Denver, July 19 - 23, for the 2nd annual Gay Men's Health Summit. Expanding on last year's gathering, planners of this year's event broadened the focus of gay men's health beyond HIV/AIDS to include a broad range of issues.

In his opening address, summit organizer Eric Rofes referred to a June study that warned of "alarming" increases in HIV infection among gay men in San Francisco, garnering "sensationalistic headlines" that called into question the motives of those who Rofes said "overplayed and underquestioned" the results. Gay and AIDS activists in San Francisco took issue with the statistics released by the study, and health officials later backpedaled on their interpretation of the findings. Rofes said the situation points out how fear and panic-based prevention messages are no longer effective.

"From 1983 to 1993, gay men experienced AIDS as a crisis," said Rofes, a professor of education at Humboldt State University in California. "But I'm not sure you can experience it as a crisis for more than 10 years."

Moving away from an emphasis on AIDS as a crisis, the summit took a more "holistic" approach to gay men's health, examining issues as diverse as anal cancer, depression, substance use and sexual dysfunction and compulsiveness. For at least one Atlantan who attended, former AIDS Survival

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The Senate last month approved a proposal to expand hate-crimes protections on the basis of sex, disability and sexual orientation and enable federal prosecutors to act against hate crimes when local authorities fail to do so. The House has not taken up the legislation. A new Web site (www.unitedagainsthate.org) was unveiled July 19. A project of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the site is intended to mobilize grassroots efforts to persuade Congress to pass the bill.

Around The Nation

🟩 A Head Start worker asked to remove a gay pride sticker and religious figurines from his desk has filed a complaint with the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission. Carlos Guzman, a gay family worker for the federal agency, said his supervisor discriminated against him last month by asking him not to display two 3-inch Santeria religious statues and a 4-inch sticker of a gay-pride flag. Guzman said other people display religious items in the office, including a cross on the wall and a funeral card with a Virgin Mary and prayer.

🟩 U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno filed a motion, July 20, seeking to join a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a former Pleasant Hill (Mo.) High School student who alleges classmates taunted and beat him because they believed he was gay and that school officials did nothing to stop the harassment. Lawyers for Lambda Legal Defense said they knew of no other instance in which the Justice Department has intervened in a school sexual harassment case. Currently, about 20 such lawsuits are pending around the country, Lambda attorney David Buckel said. In the filing, Reno agreed with the contention that school officials did nothing to help the boy.

🟩 Arch-conservative broadcaster Alan Keyes, who officially dropped out of the GOP presidential race July 25, was in Boston that day to support conservatives who criticized a workshop held for gay teens at Tufts University in March. The workshop was sponsored by a national gay organization but included two members

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Alan Keyes goes to Boston, not to the White House.

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of the state Department of Education's HIV/AIDS awareness program. Keyes said the workshop's teachings violated the rights of parents who believe homosexuality is immoral.

■ The unmarried partners of Phoenix, Ariz., city employees, including gays and heterosexuals, will be eligible to share city health, life and other insurance benefits starting Aug. 1. The expanded benefit was contained in city union contracts that the council unanimously, and quietly, passed in June.

■ In a memo to members of the Libertarian group Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty (GLIL), July 25, the organization's president, Richard Sincere, expressed concerns over a new FBI program called Carnivore, designed to intercept millions of e-mail messages sent and received by U.S. citizens in an effort to track criminal activity. Sincere said that because gay men and lesbians "routinely discuss certain activities of an intimate sexual nature that remain illegal in 18 states [under sodomy laws] and under the Uniform Code of Military Justice," they may be at risk for criminal prosecution by way of a system GLIL believes violates constitutional rights.

■ The Human Rights Campaign, July 27, endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton for the U.S. Senate from New York. The group cited the Democrat's leadership and commitment to gay and lesbian issues as first lady and as a Senate candidate.

■ Richard Tafel, executive director of the national gay group Log Cabin Republicans, told The Denver Post, July 27, it was encouraging that the George W. Bush presidential campaign feels Mary Cheney's lesbianism isn't an issue. Cheney is the daughter of Dick Cheney, Bush's choice for running mate. Mary Cheney lives in Colorado and used to handle gay and lesbian marketing for Coors Brewing Co. Former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney was one of the strongest proponents of banning gays from the military.

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Mary Cheney (left) with her sister Elizabeth and mother, Lynne.

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Not a Day Goes By

E. Lynn Harris
(Doubleday)

Former Atlantan Harris has a winning way with complex characters and situations. His sixth book reunites two popular characters from earlier works: upcoming Broadway star Yancey Harrington Braxton and roguish bisexual ex-football player John Basil Henderson. The rocky road leading to their (canceled) nuptials is the focus of the tale, an engaging summer read.

Kirith Kirin

Jim Grimsley
(Meisha Merling)

You gotta love the advance promo description of this fantasy novel as an "epic tale of a Queen gone mad with greed and power." Alas, it's not the way it sounds. In a departure from his usual themes, Atlanta author and playwright Grimsley often treads some of the more tired paths of the genre, but his skills in plot and character development shine through.

Herscopes: A Guide to Astrology for Lesbians

Charlene Lichtenstein
(Fireside)

The author's starry insight into life and love is presented with a touch of naughty humor, as when she describes the Taurean dyke's habit of stubborn attention to single causes: "Of course, tunnel vision has its advantages, especially if it's your tunnel she's envisioning." The book also includes sections on compatibility between signs – don't pack the U-Haul without it!

The Adonis Complex

Harrison G. Pope Jr.,
Katharine A. Phillips,
Roberto Olivardia
(Free Press)

Subtitled "The Secret Crisis of Male Bod Obsession," this book by two medical doctors and a psychologist exposes the hidden story behind men driven to obsessive workouts, steroid use and eating disorders in thei need to achieve a perfect body. The authors argue that, like women, men have been increasingly driven to unrealistic societal expectations about body type to the point of crossing the line between healthy living and compulsive behavior. Not written solely for gay men, although they are addressed specif ically in several chapters.

The Notorious Dr. August

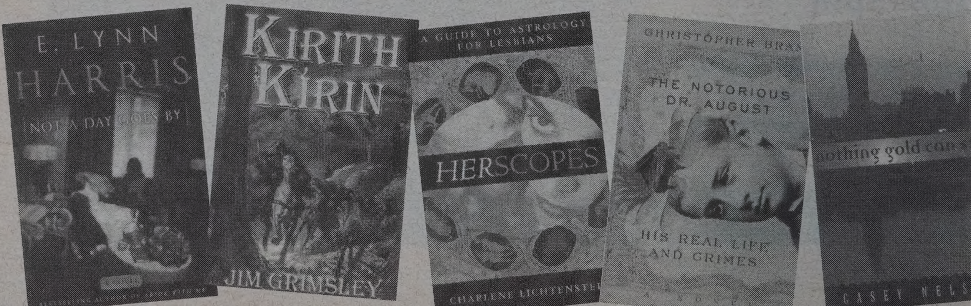
Christopher Bram
(Morrow)

The author of "Father of Frankenstein" (adapted onto film as "Gods and Monsters") has turned out another fascinating historical novel spanning the period from the Civil War to the 1920s. The richly detailed story centers on an improvisational pianist, the male ex-slave he loves and the prim white governess with whom they become locked i a strange love triangle.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Casey Nelson
(Alyson)

A gay couple stays one step ahead of Scotland Yard in a murder mystery set in London. The tension is heightened by the doubts one of the men has about the other: I he a dream lover or a murderer?



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Project Education and Treatment Program Manager Dan Dunable, that shift in focus is welcome.

"It's easy for us to think of all our health problems as HIV related, but it's extremely important to concentrate on the whole range of concerns" Dunable told Etcetera, July 26. "The only thing missing in the summit for me was that there was little or no emphasis on exercise and nutrition."

Gay men's health advocates will likely get the chance to address such deficiencies in the next few years. Rather than plan another national gathering, organizers will instead hold a series of regional summits throughout the country. Decatur, Ga., resident John Stowe, who held summit workshops relating to his Lambda Award-winning book "Gay Spirit Warrior" (Findhorn Press, 1999), said the shift in focus will create a gay men's health movement that empowers a wide spectrum of people.

"This broad-based model is intended to include many more people and meet the specific needs of each region more effectively than could be done by a relatively small group of so-called experts operating on a national level," Stowe told Etcetera, July 27.

A summit will be held in North Carolina in 2001 and a Southeastern regional Summit, location to be determined, is planned for late summer, early fall of next year. Dunable is an organizer of the latter event. People requesting more information or seeking to give their input into the planning can reach him via e-mail (djdunable@aol.com).

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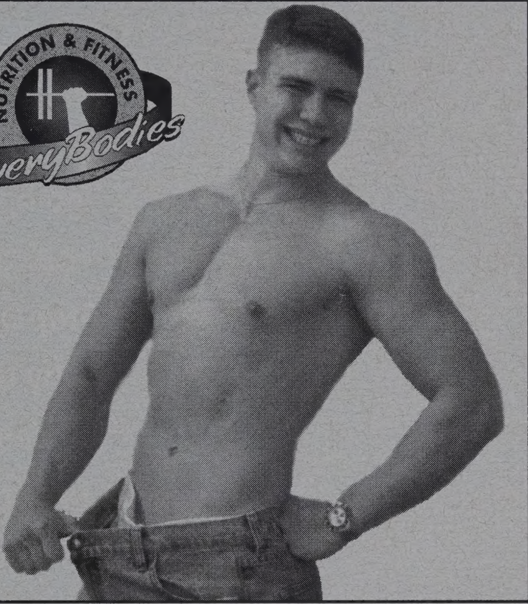

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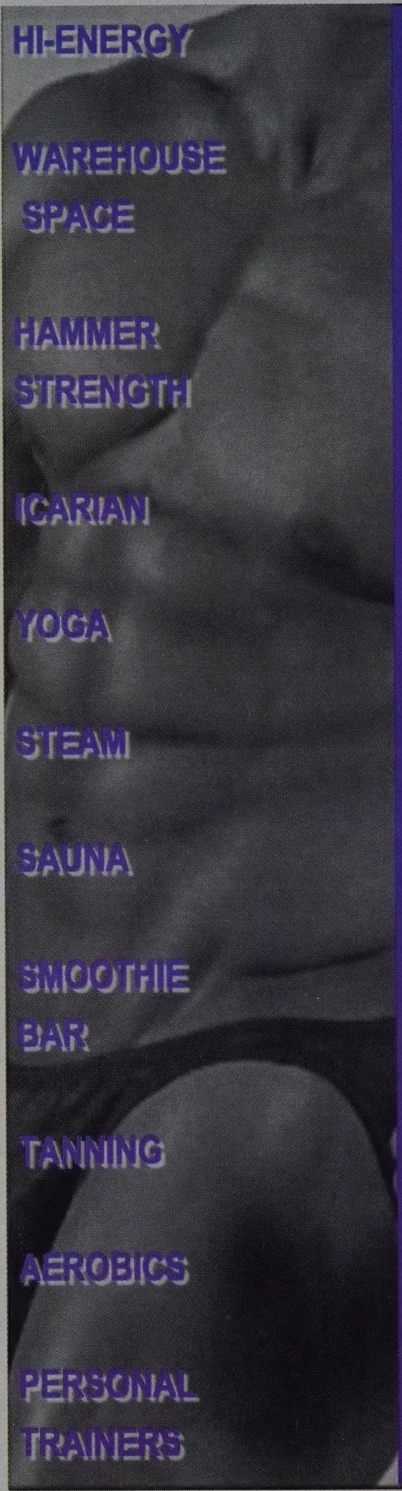
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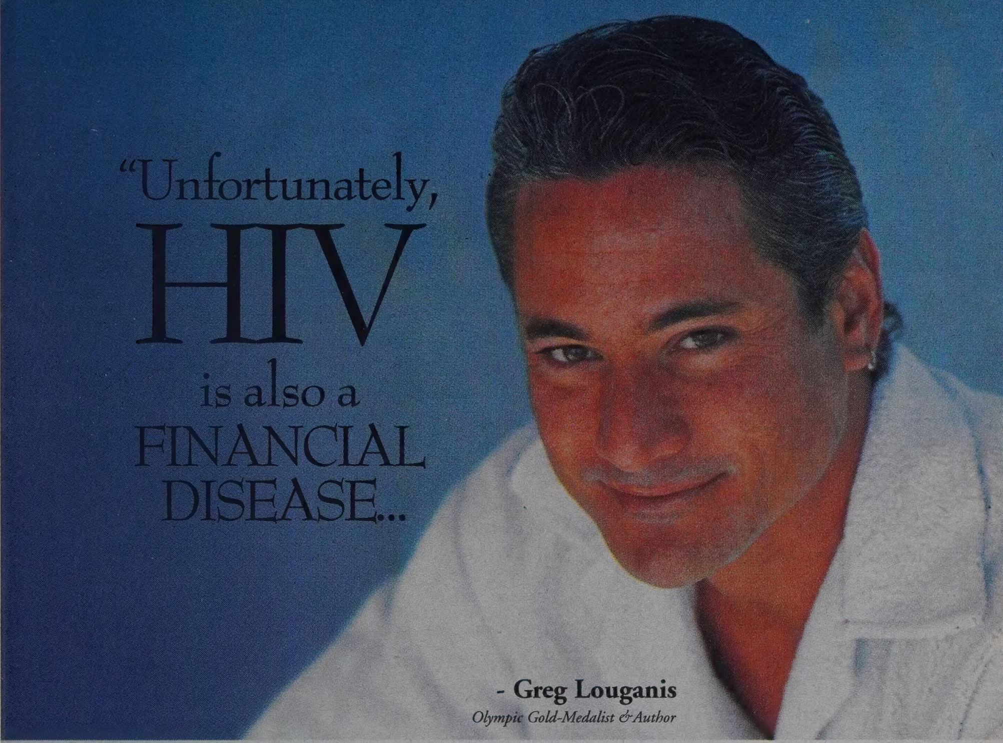
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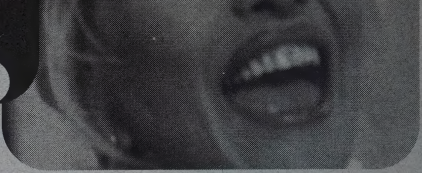

Photofest

When I first moved here I didn't know what a condominium was, now I can't find an apartment.

To the one who commented on the half-naked people at Pride: You are what's wrong with the gay community.

I'm a lesbian, and I agree that the women at Pride who go topless are the very ones who should hide those bodies. They are enough to make me go straight.

When I kick my worthless boyfriend out of the house, will that make him a "homelessexual"?

I saw many leather people, girth and mirth and drag queens at Pride and thought they were well represented.

The leather community was well represented at Pride. L.L. Panther was there with at least 12 other guys.

I'm new here, and as far as Pride goes … yawn. Where was the food or the dance pavilion? Maybe you should look at how other cities do it.

Our community revitalized Midtown many years ago and made it a safe place for everyone. Dianna Refsland wants to move Pride to Centennial Park. Has she forgotten what happened to the Atlanta Arts Festival when it moved there? Oh, maybe that's what she wants.

Gays with guns. I kinda like it!

Thank God they didn't get Oliver Platt to play Wolverine in "X-Men."

Just what was needed on the Republican ticket, a "Dick" and a "Bush"!

Tiger Woods makes me proud to be an American.

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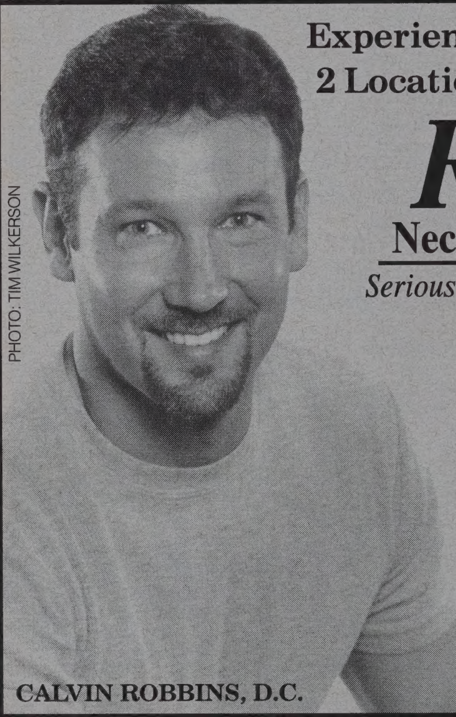

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Hollywood's lesbian history

Writer Cari Beauchamp is obsessed with the women of Hollywood. She's not talking about Julia Roberts, Jodie Foster or Meryl Streep. Instead, pre-1940 Hollywood directors and editors such as Ida Lupino, Frances Marion and the openly lesbian Dorothy Arzner are Beauchamp's passion. Beauchamp's critically acclaimed book, "Without Lying Down: Frances Marion and the Powerful Women of Early Hollywood" became a jumping off point for a unique television event: Turner Classic Movies' "Women Film Pioneers."

"I took my book to Turner and pitched them a documentary based on it," Beauchamp told Etcetera. "Much to my pleasure, they not only supported the idea and allowed me to write and produce a documentary ["Without Lying Down"] but they decided to screen 37 early films written or directed by women to accompany the documentary."

One of those directors is Arzner, who made 17 features and is the only female director to make the transition from silent to sound pictures. In her personal life, Arnzer's masculine appearance and dress were much remarked upon in interviews and articles. She preferred to wear tailored suits, short hair and no makeup (all in vogue in the '20s, but Arzner never changed it). She lived openly with her partner (choreographer Marion Morgan) from 1930 until Morgan's death 42 years later.

"Dorothy was one of the few directors who survived the 1930s," Beauchamp explained. "In the teens and '20s, women were everywhere in Hollywood because it wasn't considered a serious business. As it became big business, women were no longer considered good enough, but her passion and her clarity about who she was made her last. Even Joan Crawford stood by her. Arzner directed her in a Pepsi commercial in the '60s."

Crawford was just one of many big name actresses Arzner attracted, including Katherine Hepburn, Rosalind Russell and Clara Bow.

"Dorothy directed a variety of genres," Beauchamp continued. "She was never in-your-face as a director, but she chose films like 'The Bride Wore Red' and 'Craig's Wife,' each with very clear stories and characters."

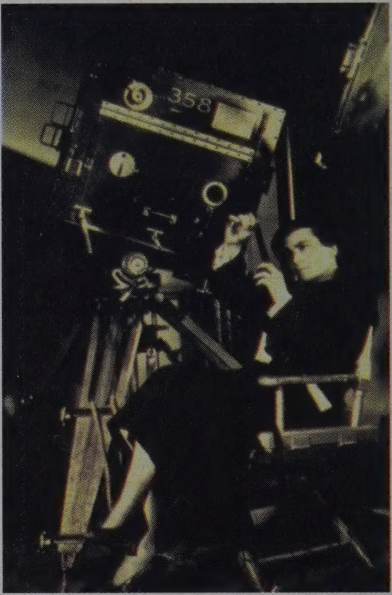
Beauchamp never slights the importance of understanding the work of Arzner and others like her.

"There is a freedom in learning your history," she said. "It is inspiring to look at a time when there were no rules to break or rules to follow."

She also finds that in addition to unearthing some incredibly rare films (especially a handful of silent films that have never been shown on television and are not likely to be shown again), the "Women Film Pioneers" project has an important effect on women working in the entertainment industry today.

"I am often greeted by other women who say things like, 'You've given me my history.'" she said. "It's that feeling of going from being very isolated to being a link in a chain. Now women working in Hollywood know they are a part of something larger than themselves. It's very angst-reducing."

The "Women Film Pioneers" series runs throughout the month of August on Turner Classic Movies. See the



Lesbian movie director Dorothy Arzner is featured as one of Turner Classic Movies' "Women Film Pioneers."

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The queer side of Atlantis

The Atlantis Music Conference returns to Atlanta Aug. 9 - 12 for four days of local, regional and national band showcases at venues such as the Tabernacle, Variety Playhouse, Cotton Club and Star Bar. With more than 200 bands and solo artists (plus various artists' workshops, forums, industry panels and the Atlanta Local Music Awards) scheduled, there will be plenty of action every night. Look for performances by Queerstock founder Doria Roberts Aug. 10, 7 Stages), Gainesville, Fla.'s Amanda Garrigues (Aug. 11, 7 Stages) and Atlanta scene legend Michelle Malone (Aug. 11, 7 Stages); plus the soaring rock of Lift (Aug. 11, Dark Horse Tavern) and the earthier sounds of the Gentle Readers (Aug. 11, Star Bar).

This year also marks the first year the three-year-old conference has included an urban music symposium, which will feature two full days of panels (Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes from TLC will even be on hand).

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Bisexual Greta Garbo stars in this 1930 film (full of ahead-of-their time curse words). Part of the Women Film Pioneers festival. 3:00 a.m. TCM.

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Legendary R&B songwriting duo Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson team up with poet Maya Angelou for a stirring evening of words and music. Part of the National Black Arts Festival. 8:30 p.m. $25 – $35. Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave. 404-249-6400.

saturday 8 • 5

BWMT Pool Party and Cookout
Black and White Men Together present an afternoon with DJ Andre Brown, a George Van Pinkard fashion show and the men of Rundu Amen's 2001 Calendar (the guys will model and sign copies of the calendar) ... oh, there's a pool, too. Benefits Out On Film 2000. 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Donation requested. Stone Mountain. Call for directions. 404-892-2968.

"ShedSpace Exhibition"
The first installment in the "Shed" art series (in which an artist is given a week to create an installation out of a privately owned shed) is a solo exhibit by Alli Royce Soble (donors are Joey Orr and Kevin Hart). 6:00 p.m. Free. Shed is located at 3313 Betty Circle, Decatur. 404-288-8572.

Michelle Malone
Local legend in concert. 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. $8 – $14. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough Road, Decatur. 404-377-4976.

"Ellen DeGeneres: The Beginning"
Grab a front-row seat for Ellen's first full-length stand-up TV performance in eight years! The smart, sassy actress/comedienne's third solo HBO special will feature all-new material taped in front of a live audience at New York City's Beacon Theater. 10:45 p.m. HBO. Also 8•6 4:00 a.m., 8•7 11:00 p.m., 8•8 3:15 a.m., 8•9 10:00 p.m., 8•14 11:30 p.m., 8•17 10:00 p.m., 8•20 1:15 a.m., 8•22 1:00 a.m., 8•27 10:00 p.m., 8•29 2:50 a.m. and 8•31 2:50 a.m.

sunday 8 • 6

"Peg's Cabaret Series"
Peg welcomes Sherry Vine to the stage. 10:00 p.m. $4. Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

monday 8 • 7

"The Mouth of the South Live"
Be a part of the live taping of Peg's weekly show. Tonight's guests are Sherry Vine and Maxine Blue. 10:30 p.m. $4. Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

tuesday 8 • 8

E. Lynn Harris
Former Atlanta author reads from and signs copies of his latest book, "Not a Day Goes By." 7:30 p.m. Free. Outwrite Books, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082

wednesday 8 • 9

Indiegrrl Benefit for Operation Susanne
Excellent folk rock from Lauren Fincham, Karen Reynolds, Leslie Berry and Laura McClean to benefit Utah DJ Susanne Millsaps, whose home was recently robbed. 8:00 p.m. $6. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough Road, Decatur. 404-377-4976.

thursday 8 • 10

"China Doll: Miss Hotlanta"
Cheer on your favorite contender to the crown in this first event of the annual Hotlanta River Expo weekend. 8:00 p.m. $15 or $190 Gold Pass. Ballroom, Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree St. 404-874-3976.

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Doria Roberts

Socially aware singer/songwriter in concert. Part of the Atlantis Music Conference. 10:40 p.m. $8. 7 Stages Backstage Theater, 1105 Euclid Ave. 770-499-8600.

Amanda Garrigues

Well-crafted folk from this Gainesville, Fla. artist. Part of the Atlantis Music Conference. 12:40 a.m. (really, early Friday morning). $8. 7 Stages Backstage Theater, 1105 Euclid Ave. 770-499-8600.

Upcoming

friday 8 • 11

"The Eyes of Tammy Faye"

Funny and tragic celluloid look at the former wife of televangelist Jim Bakker. Turns out Tammy Faye has always supported the gay community, much to the chagrin of Bakker's very Christian friends! A World of Wonder production.

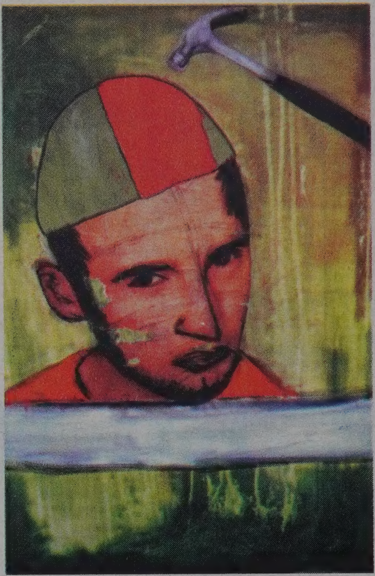
"I'm the One That I Want"

Special one-week only engagement of a film from comedian Margaret Cho. Shot at the Warfield Theater in San Francisco, it spotlights her incredibly funny (and pro gay) persona. UA Tara Theater, 2345 Cheshire Bridge Road. 404-634-6288. Through 7•17.

"Shogun: Mr. Hotlanta Contest and Dance"

Crown a new Mr. Hotlanta and then dance the night away with DJ Lydia Prim. Part of Hotlanta River Expo. 8:00 p.m. $45 – $50, $150 Silver Pass or $190 Gold Pass. Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. 404-874-3976.

Alli Royce Soble



The ShedSpace Exhibition starts with the work of Alli Royce Soble.

Lift

Soaring modern rock from bandleader Molly Bancroft and crew. Part of the Atlantis Music Conference. 9:00 p.m. $10. Dark Horse Tavern, 816 N. Highland Ave. 770-499-8600.

Gentle Readers

Melodic rock band. Part of the Atlantis Music Conference. 10:00 p.m. $6. The Star Bar, 427 Moreland Ave. 770-499-8600.

All Women's Open Mike Night

An evening of dance, poetry, spoken word and song. 8:00 p.m. Free. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. 404-524-0304.

Michelle Malone

Round out your Friday night with a performance by one of Atlanta's greatest songwriters. Part of the Atlantis Music Conference. Midnight. $8. 7 Stages Theater, 1105 Euclid Ave. 770-499-8600.

saturday 8 • 12

"Tsunami: River Raft Race"

Glide down the river with all the good lookin' people. Part of Hotlanta River Expo. Buses depart Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel at 11:00 a.m. $25 – $30 or $190 Gold Pass. Chattahoochee National Park. 404-874-3976.

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"Dragon Dance"

Shake it up with DJs Craig Spy and Warren Gluck. Part of Hotlanta River Expo weekend. 10:00 p.m. $60 – $65, $150 Silver Pass or $190 Gold Pass. Ballroom, Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree St. 404-874-3976.

sunday 8 • 13

"Happy Family T-Dance"

An afternoon celebration with DJ Michael Fierman. Part of Hotlanta River Expo. 4:00 p.m. $35 – $40, $150 Silver Pass or $190 Gold Pass. Georgia Train Depot, beside Underground Atlanta. 404-874-3976.

Performing Songwriter Showcase

Includes performances from Michelle Malone, Kristen Hall, Kristian Bush, Caroline Aiken and Jeffrey Butts. 7:30 p.m. $10. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough Road, Decatur. 404-377-4976.

"Peg's Cabaret Series"

Peg welcomes Cashetta to the stage. 10:00 p.m. $4. Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

"Fried Rice: Closing Party"

Your last chance to get sweaty this weekend. Part of Hotlanta River Expo. 10:00 p.m. $25 – $35 or $190 Gold Pass. Studio Central, 300 Central Ave. 404-874-3976.

monday 8 • 14

"The Mouth of the South Live"

It's Trina's Birthday Show! Cashetta and special guests will chat with Peg during tonight's live taping. 10:30 p.m. $4. Metro, 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

thursday 8 • 17

Legal Adoption and Second Parent Issues for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Parents

Informative program from attorney Lori Surmay, advocate Rhonda Fishbein and psychologist Susan E. Barrett, each of whom will address the concerns of building a family. 7:30 p.m. Free. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. 404-524-0304.

saturday 8 • 19

Halcyon

CD release party for the popular lesbian folk duo. 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. $8 – $15. Eddie's Attic, 515-B N. McDonough Road, Decatur. 404-377-4976.

tuesday 8 • 22

Tegan & Sara

Sweet pop from a set of Canadian twins, who both just happen to be lesbians. They'll open for The Pretenders and Neil Young. 7:00 p.m. $26.50 – $66.50. Chastain Park Amphitheater, Stella Drive. 404-249-6400.

thursday 8 • 24

Women of MP3.com Club Tour

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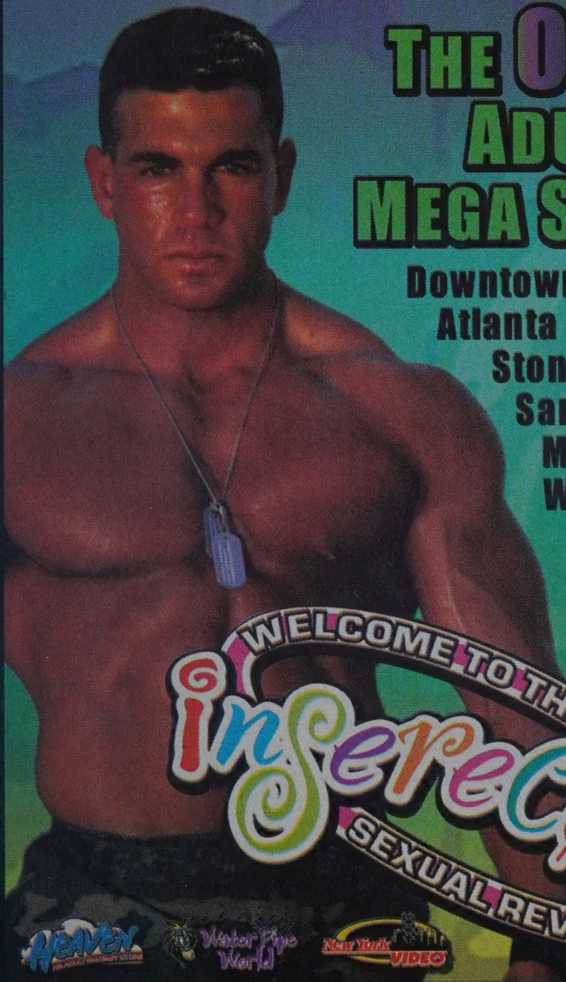
"The Wild Party"

Lesbian director Dorothy Arzner was at the helm of this 1929 film starring Clara Bow. It's the story of a flirty co-ed who woos her stuffy anthropology professor. Part of the Women Film Pioneers festival 8:00 p.m. TCM.

"Christopher Strong"

Another film from Arzner, starring Katherine Hepburn (who reportedly fought over who "really wore the pants on the set"). Part of the Women Film Pioneers festival 9:30 p.m. TCM.



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"The Bride Wore Red"
Joan Crawford stars in this 1937 film (once again directed by Arzner) about a slumming aristocrat who bets a friend he can turn a "cabaret singer" into a classy gal. Part of the Women Film Pioneers festival 11:00 p.m. TCM.

Ongoing

clubbing

Armory: The Divas, Saturdays 11:00 p.m.; The Armorettes, Sundays 9:00 p.m. 836 Juniper St. 404-881-9280.

Backstreet: Charlie Brown's X-rated Cabaret, Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 p.m., Sundays and Thursdays 1:00 a.m. Juan Cezar's "Spotlight," Wednesdays 1:00 a.m. 845 Peachtree St. 404-873-1986.

Blake's: "That Drag Show," Sundays 9:00 p.m.; "The Lust and the Bust," Wednesdays 11:00 p.m. 227 Tenth St. 888-441-8984.

Burkhart's: The Original Gospel Girls with the Gospel Echoes, Sundays 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.; karaoke with Kitty LeClaw, Mondays 10:00 p.m. and Wednesdays midnight.; karaoke with Roxanne, Tuesdays midnight.; "South Park," Wednesdays 10:00 p.m. 1492-F Piedmont Road. 404-872-4403.

The Chamber: "Glitterdome" – a sex, drag and glam rock celebration the third Friday of the month 10:00 p.m. 2115 Faulkner Road. 404-577-8178.

Eddie's Attic: "Comedy Combat" presented by out comedians Alyssa Barnett and Matt Montgomery. Fourth Tuesday of every month. 8:00 p.m. 515-B N. McDonough St., Decatur. 404-377-4976.

Fusion: Circuit Diva host Alexis Kelley, Saturdays 1:00 a.m. 550-C Amsterdam Ave. 404-872-6411.

Heretic: Heretic Harlots, Thursdays 9:00 p.m. "Wheel of Miss Fortune" with Laura and Denise Lynne, first and third Fridays of every month. 6:00 p.m. 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road. 404-325-3061.

Le Buzz: "Night of Stars" with Niesha Dupree, Maxine Blue and DeAndre, Wednesdays 10:00 p.m. and midnight. 585 Franklin Road, Marietta. 770-424-1337.

Mary's: "Britpop With Dennis," Mondays 8:00 p.m.; karaoke with C.J., Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.; VJ Jigsaw, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:00 p.m.; "Tara Cotta's Diva Variety Show", first and third Sundays of the month 8:00 p.m. 1287 Glenwood Ave. 404-624-4411.

Metro: Male dancers, Saturdays – Sundays 8:00 p.m., Mondays – Fridays 6:00 p.m.; "Peg's Cabaret Series," Sundays 10:00 p.m.; "Mouth of The South Live" taping with Peg, Mondays 10:30 p.m.; Latin Night with Mama Mia Allegria, Tuesdays 10:00 p.m.; "Silhouettes of Illusions" with Regina Simms, Wednesdays 10:00 p.m. 1080 Peachtree St. 404-874-9869.

Model T: karaoke with CJ, Fridays 10:00 p.m.; Model T Girlz, Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 p.m; Le Box All Male Revue, Wednesdays 10:00 p.m. Talent Search with Jewell Holliday, Thursdays 10:00 p.m.. 699 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-872-2209.

Otherside: "Femme Fatale" Heather Scott, Fridays 10:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.; Live bands, Fridays – Saturdays 10:30 p.m.; Heather Daniels, Saturdays 10:30 p.m.; "Open Band Night," Sundays 5:00 p.m. 1924 Piedmont Road. 404-875-5238.

Pin Up's: Male nude revue, Thursdays – Sundays, 7:00 p.m. 2788 East Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur. 404-373-9477.

The Plush Lounge: "Soo Juicy" lesbian party, Wednesdays 9:00 p.m. 3025 Peachtree Road. 404-266-1680.

Swinging Richard's: Male nude revue, Tuesdays – Saturdays. 1400 Northside Drive. 404-355-6787.

Upper Room: Live piano entertainment, Thursdays – Mondays 9:00 p.m.; piano open mike, Tuesdays – Wednesdays 9:00 p.m. 736 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-874-1655.

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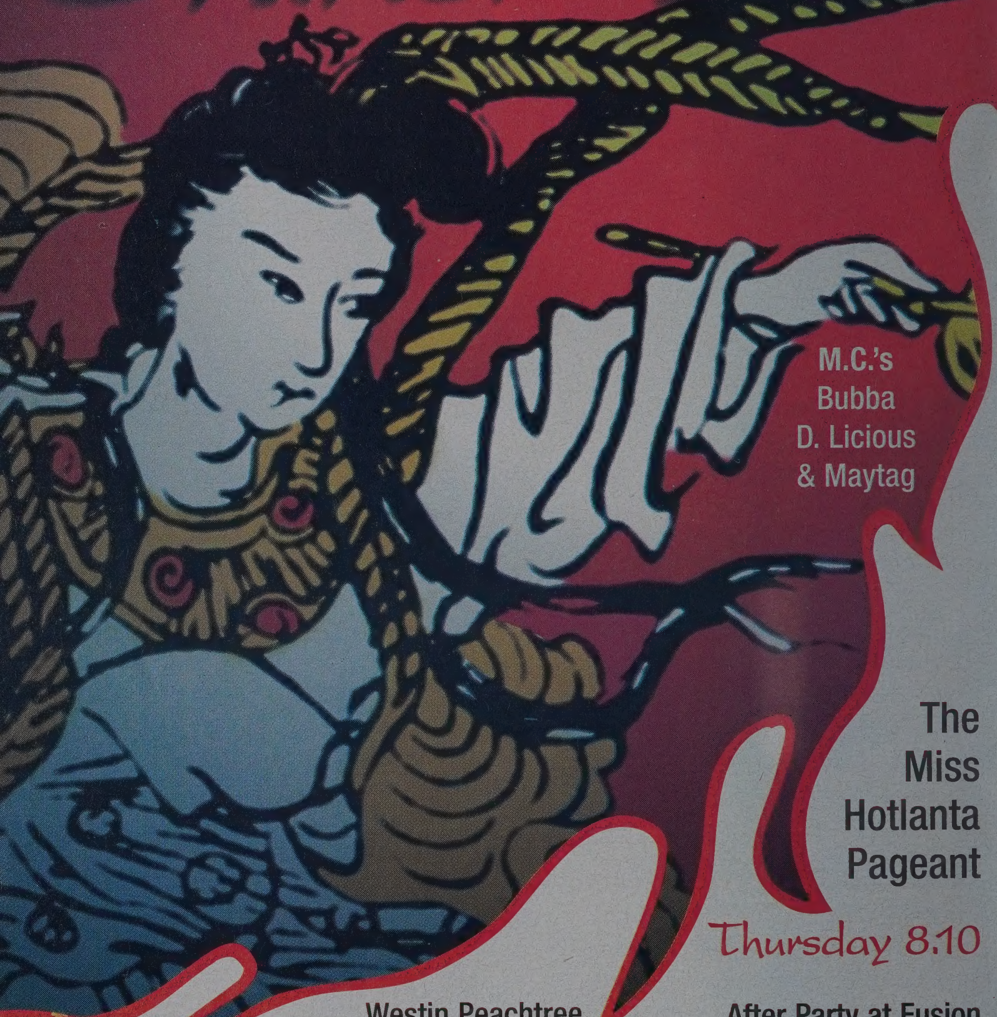

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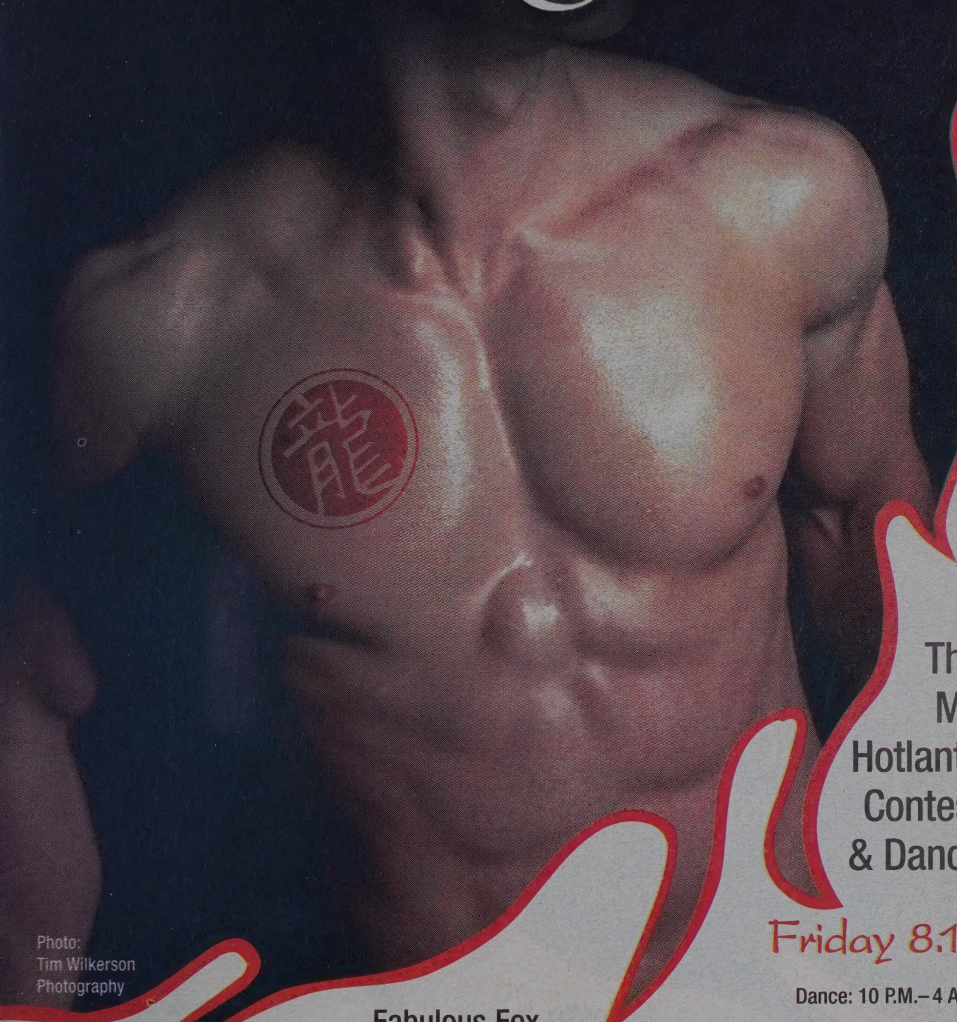

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Some would say Sir Ian McKellen has always been light on his feet. Openly gay, actively political, the knighted actor thinks pink and uses his place in the public spotlight for the good of queers young and old. But "X-Men" finds him literally floating around as Magneto, the baddest and most bitter mutant on Earth.

Adapted from the famed Marvel comic by Tom DeSanto, screenwriter David Hayter and director Bryan Singer's "X-Men" imagines humankind having taken the next step in evolution. When hitting puberty, many adolescents find themselves cursed/blessed with unusual powers, from the ability to manipulate the weather to hop like a frog to steal people's very life force. And this first wave of mutants is under attack by right wing members of the government and ignorant citizens who see them as different and dangerous to society (can we relate or what?). Erik Lehnsherr, aka. Magneto (McKellen), is one of these mutants, a powerful and madly bitter man who has suffered his entire life at the hands of barbaric human beings. As a child, his parents were dragged from him and gassed by the Nazis, and he's determined to let nothing threaten him, nor his fellow mutants, again. His former colleague and friend Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) feels the same way, but would rather take the path of nonviolence and try to foster an understanding between man and mutantkind. So with their respective gangs of like-minded mutants, the struggle begins.

I recently rang up McKellen at the late hour of 1:00 a.m. to talk about Magneto, bitterness and tasty little treats. And although a little tired, the charismatic, admitted late-nighter was, as always, soaring high.

I loved the film.
McKellen: You're the first person I know who's seen it. That's good.

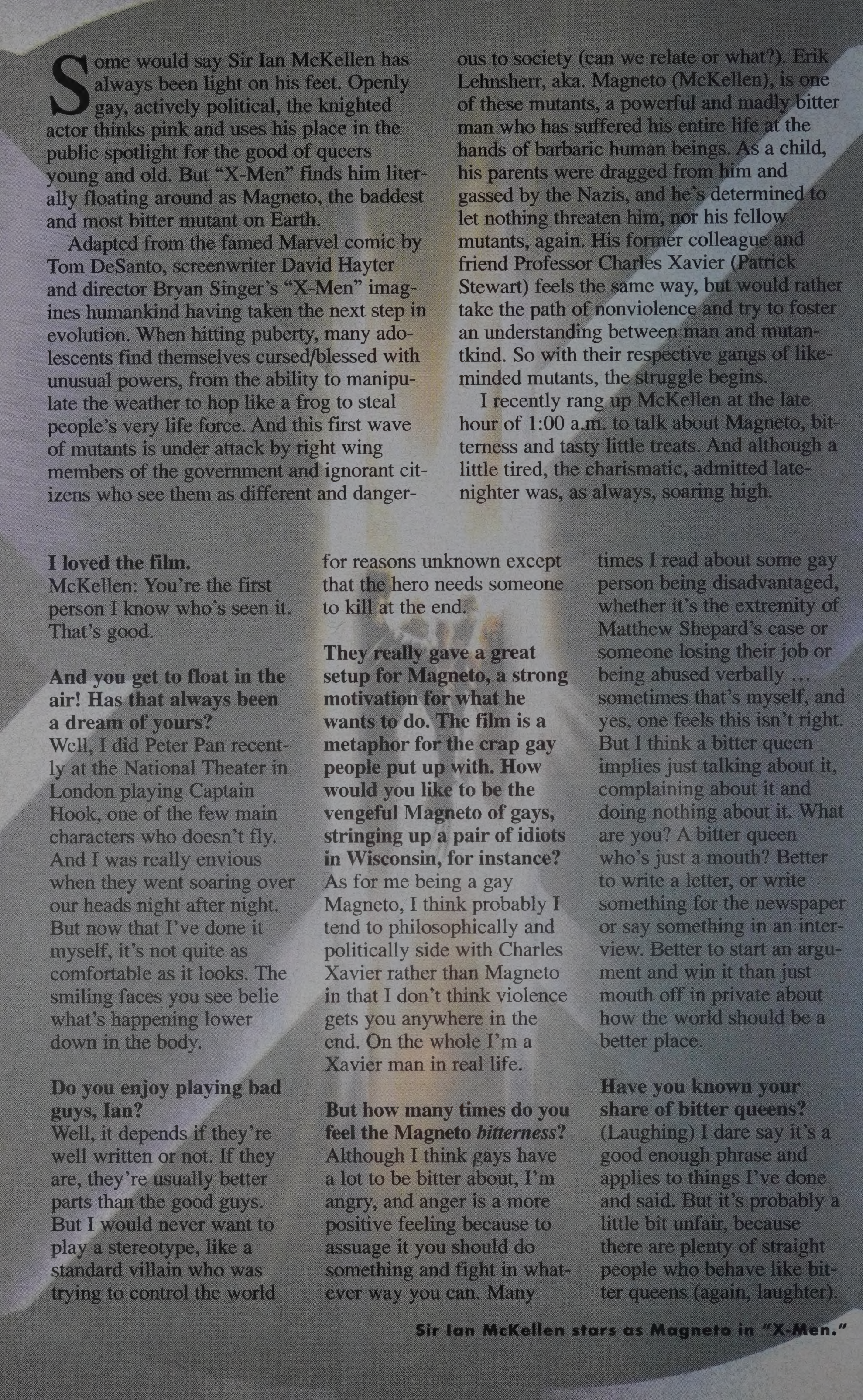
And you get to float in the air! Has that always been a dream of yours?
Well, I did Peter Pan recently at the National Theater in London playing Captain Hook, one of the few main characters who doesn't fly. And I was really envious when they went soaring over our heads night after night. But now that I've done it myself, it's not quite as comfortable as it looks. The smiling faces you see belie what's happening lower down in the body.

Do you enjoy playing bad guys, Ian?
Well, it depends if they're well written or not. If they are, they're usually better parts than the good guys. But I would never want to play a stereotype, like a standard villain who was trying to control the world for reasons unknown except that the hero needs someone to kill at the end.

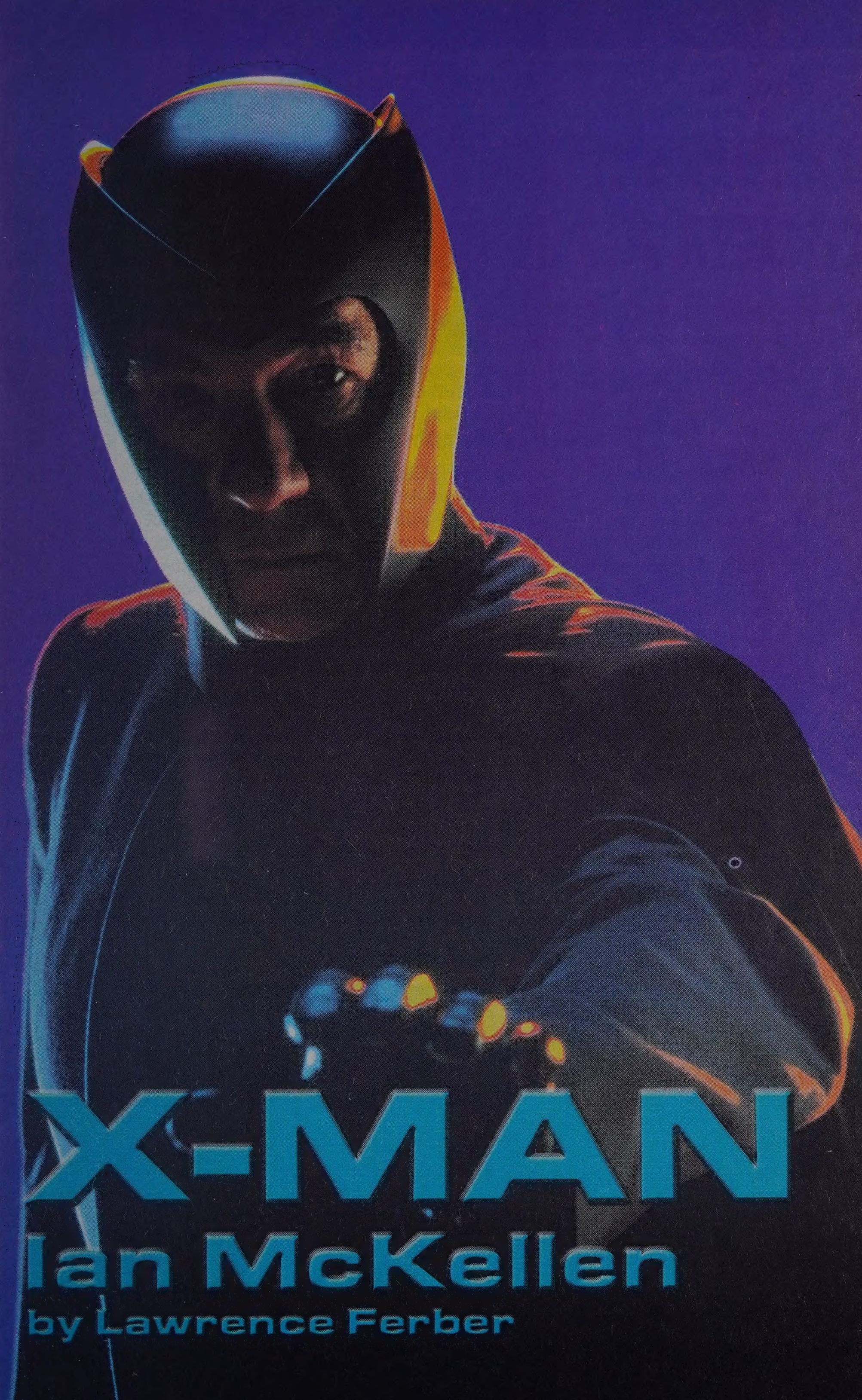
They really gave a great setup for Magneto, a strong motivation for what he wants to do. The film is a metaphor for the crap gay people put up with. How would you like to be the vengeful Magneto of gays, stringing up a pair of idiots in Wisconsin, for instance?
As for me being a gay Magneto, I think probably I tend to philosophically and politically side with Charles Xavier rather than Magneto in that I don't think violence gets you anywhere in the end. On the whole I'm a Xavier man in real life.

But how many times do you feel the Magneto *bitterness*?
Although I think gays have a lot to be bitter about, I'm angry, and anger is a more positive feeling because to assuage it you should do something and fight in whatever way you can. Many times I read about some gay person being disadvantaged, whether it's the extremity of Matthew Shepard's case or someone losing their job or being abused verbally … sometimes that's myself, and yes, one feels this isn't right. But I think a bitter queen implies just talking about it, complaining about it and doing nothing about it. What are you? A bitter queen who's just a mouth? Better to write a letter, or write something for the newspaper or say something in an interview. Better to start an argument and win it than just mouth off in private about how the world should be a better place.

Have you known your share of bitter queens?
(Laughing) I dare say it's a good enough phrase and applies to things I've done and said. But it's probably a little bit unfair, because there are plenty of straight people who behave like bitter queens (again, laughter).



Sir Ian McKellen stars as Magneto in "X-Men."



X-MAN

Ian McKellen

by Lawrence Ferber

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(Left to right) Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Cyclops (James Marsden), Xavier (Patrick Stewart), Storm (Halle Berry) and Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) convene in Xavier's underground lab.

What initially drew you to the role? Did director Bryan Singer ("Apt Pupil", "The Usual Suspects") offer it right off the bat?
Yeah, he did. He added the compliment of saying he hadn't asked anyone else to play it first.

And I understand he was well aware of its relevance to queers and issues of prejudice.
He clearly understood that it would relate strongly to gay people, and the film was going to make that very clear. He didn't just want it to be an adventure action movie, but that the basic philosophical and political argument was an important one and was going to be fully there. On top of the joy of working with him again, there was also the fun of being in this sort of big movie, the feeling that it was a big movie with a message that the audience is sure to hear. It appealed to me immediately, and I was free, so here we are.

Was there a certain approach you took to Magneto?
Well, I went back and looked at a lot of comics on the experts' advice – not just people on the movie, but people who e-mailed me through my Web site (www.mckellen.com). So I got a clear notion of his history. Of course, over 35 years his history isn't in a single

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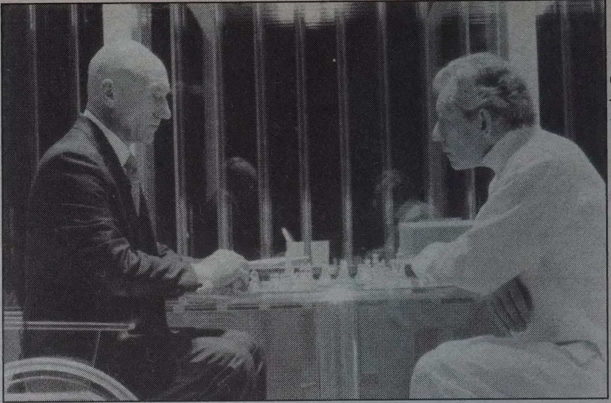
line. Often the things that have happened to Magneto contradict each other. But basically he carries the injustice that was done to his parents, who were killed by evil forces, and that's before he realized he's a mutant. Once he realizes his life is permanently in danger, even though the Third Reich doesn't exist anymore, he carries through that determination to rid the world of anything that might endanger him and his kind and thinks the ends justifies the means.


Attila Dory

Xavier (Patrick Stewart, left) and Magneto (Ian McKellen) discuss their opposing views.

Who's a bigger threat to society? Magneto or the Dussander, the retired Nazi you played in Apt Pupil? (With a wry laugh) Well, they can't be compared really, because one is a fairy tale and the other is fiction based on fact. I don't connect the two. I think someone like Dussander, who willingly obeys the orders of a corrupt and evil (I don't like to use that word) philosophy like Nazism, is greatly to blame because there's absolutely no justification for what they did. Magneto is in a quandary because he's under attack, and it's the response to that attack which leads him to do things some people might think inappropriate. So I would say Dussander perhaps. At least Dussander is a very, very normal sort of person, very ordinary, and one of the dreadful things to learn of the Third Reich is that ordinary people are prepared all too easily to do dreadful things to other people.

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Oh that's right, of course, although Singer didn't direct that one. Who's the hottest of them all? (Laughing) Well, I don't think of any of them in those terms now that I know them. But I've known Patrick for years and years and years – when he had hair, for example. Like me, he was work-

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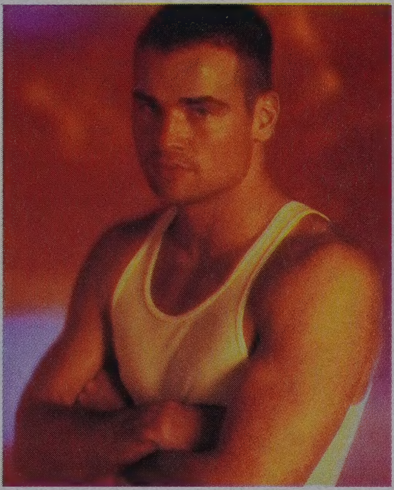

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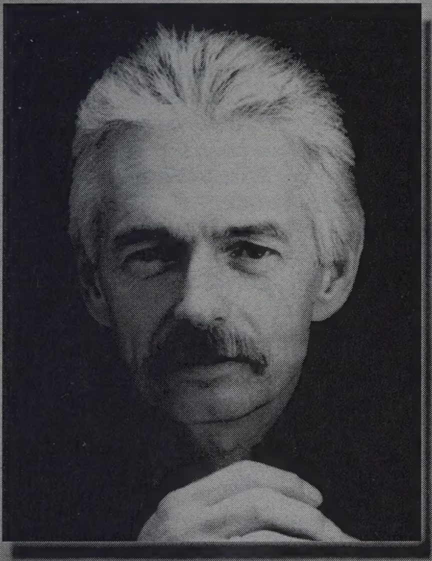

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by Jill Dearman

LEO (JULY 22 – AUG. 21)

Mars opposite Neptune could make your romantic life extra passionate and confusing! A Taurus could send mixed signals. Routine is good for your social life and your spirit. Make dates and keep them.

VIRGO (AUG. 22 – SEPT. 22)

Don't expect your love life to make sense during this cycle. It's all about discovering the mystery of what your heart really wants and deserves. Move closer to a Cancer. The answers lie in what the two of you *aren't* saying.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22)

You can clear up confusion with a friend as Mercury comes to your aid beginning the 8th. You may have to keep things light with a Sag. The more spiritual pursuits are suddenly intriguing to you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 – NOV. 22)

Use a light touch and a bit of humor to get the money and the positions you want. You can also talk your way into a powerfully erotic position with a Capricorn, so do it. A lot of people in your life are projecting their "daddy" fantasies on to you. Make every effort to nurture your tribe, but let them see that you are more than just their papa or mama bear.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 – DEC. 21)

The moon in your sign Aug. 8 brings you a bit of emotional clarity that can serve you well for months to come. You may finally look in the mirror and like what you see. A Gemini likes you even more.

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Several planets are triggering your urge to merge body and soul with a lover who brings out your dark side. Risk humiliation and you'll experience an ego boost. Don't self-destruct. Self-discover with a Scorpio.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 – FEB. 19)

If you can learn the difference between generalized love of humanity and the intimate love of one person, you might actually be able to find the happiness that's been eluding you. An intense form of passion is past due!

PISCES (FEB. 20 – MARCH 20)

Dedicate yourself to what's important in your life and you'll make everything right with the universe. Explore your fetishes, and you might see God, or at least see your future with a Leo, who thinks he or she has super powers.

ARIES (MARCH 21 – APRIL 20)

Mercury joins the Sun in your house of creativity, so stop doing things by the book and use your imagination. Deepen your ideas about beauty, and you'll get more booty. A Virgo accepts your shallow as well as your personal sides.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 – MAY 20)

If you've been kvetching about how difficult it is to support your luxurious lifestyle, now's the time to slowly but surely summon up more dough. There comes a time when you have to take a risk, babe. Roll the dice.

GEMINI (MAY 21 – JUNE 21)

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CANCER (JUNE 22 – JULY 21)

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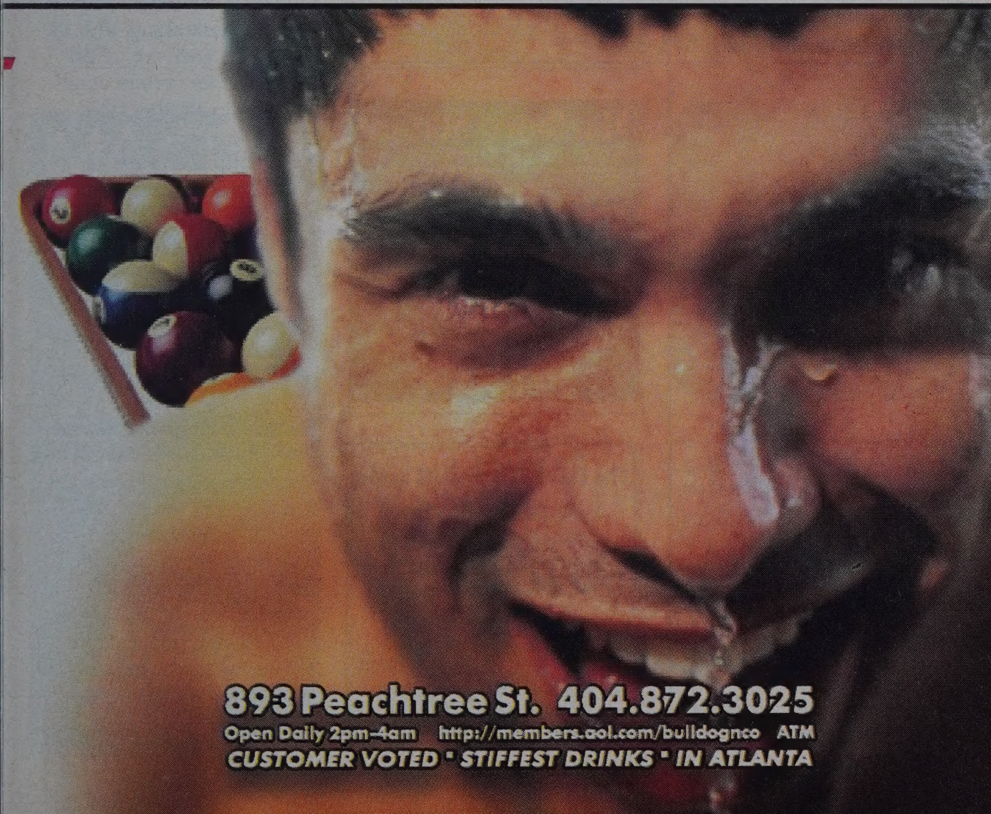
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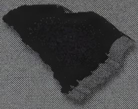

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ing in the classical theater in London, and I still see him as the old mate from London. The other two I didn't know before, and they were fun to work with in their different ways. I think Brendan's career is one to be watched very carefully. I think he's got enormous potential.

When you got that role, did you smack your lips a little, like, "Yummy Brendan Fraser!"
I was very interested in who was going to be playing Clayton Boone, the gardener. When I first saw Brendan he was so absolutely right physically, and then when I realized he was able to act the part well, it was all sorts of relief and pleasure involved there.

Are you contracted to appear in "X-Men" sequels?
Yeah, I think along with the rest of the cast, we've all agreed under certain conditions to do another film.

I'm ready for more.
Yeah, well I gather it's a bit shorter than they thought it would be, and perhaps that's the reason. Obviously, there could easily be any number of sequels and developments. It'll depend entirely on how the public likes it.

Is Aussie Hugh Jackman, who plays the metal-clawed Wolverine, going to be the next big gay sex symbol?
Wouldn't that be nice. I'm sure he emerges from the film very strongly. He's gorgeous to look at, extremely talented and, on top of that, one of the nicest people you could possibly meet.

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They kept the beat July 19 at Lakewood Amphitheater, and the Go-Go's proved what a strong lesbian following they've cultivated over the years by the number of women attending the concert. Several lesbian couples had their children in tow. The all-girl quintet ripped through all the crowd's favorites on what might have been the hottest night of the year (94 degrees when the concert started). At one point between songs, the still impish rhythm guitarist Jane Wiedlin remarked she was sweating like a pig, to which lead vocalist Belinda Carlyle quickly said Jane squeals like a pig. After a beat, Jane retorted sometimes its fun to squeal like a pig.

The Psychedelic Furs opened the concert and the Go-Go's followed before the the B-52's took to the stage for a different song lineup and more rockin' set than their Atlanta Pride performance at the end of June. Thankfully, Fred was not wearing his disco whore costume from their Pride performance. Judging from the audiences reaction, the concert was worth shelling out a few bucks and sweating off a few pounds.

Taking a break from all the ridin', ropin' and racin', a riderless horse was led through the arena at the Georgia International Horse Park as a moment of remembrance during the 4th Southern Spurs Rodeo, sponsored by the Southeastern Gay Rodeo Association (SEGRA), July 21 - 23. "Every gay rodeo association does that as a way of honoring those who are no longer with us," explained SEGRA President Barbara Bugg. "We take the time to remember people from our group who we feel are still with us in spirit." This year, the rodeo was dedicated to SEGRA member Michael Sandidge, who died in 1999. Bugg described him as "the essence of rodeo, that team spirit of wanting to help."

That spirit was extended by SEGRA to three local organizations - ChildKind, Project Open Hand and the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic - who will benefit from money raised by the event. "The phenomenal thing is we only had six months to put this together because we had a hard time getting a date at the Horse Park," Bugg told Etcetera. "But it looks like we brought in as much money for our charities this year as we did in 1999, which we had a year and a half to prepare for." Those figures were likely boosted by the high attendance, drawing about 1,100 viewers and competitors from as far away as Canada, California and New York.

photos: Trina O'Connor

A riderless horse is led through the arena at the start of the Southern Spurs Rodeo (left), during which the competition was fierce (above).

Loving L.A.'s OutFest, is how three representatives from Atlanta's gay and lesbian film festival, Out On Film (OOF), felt after returning from the star-studded 12-day movie orgy. "My favorite film was 'The Broken Hearts Club,' because I thought it was a fun, cheerful movie," said Virtual Design Group President and OOF volunteer Chip Standifer. "Particularly, I enjoyed how it realistically showed a group of friends and how things changed between them as time passed - really a reflection of middle age. It wasn't an AIDS or propaganda film, just what a movie is supposed to be: mindless entertainment." "The Broken Hearts Club" (on the short booking list for OOF, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1) closed the festival with several members of the film's cast, including former Superman Dean Cain. The opening night documentary, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," was introduced by its narrator, former Atlantan RuPaul, but before that, another former Atlantan Allan Ball ("American Beauty") presented an award for writing and Lily Tomlin gave documentarians Rob Epstien and Jeffrey Frieman ("The Celluloid Closet," "Paragraph 175") the annual OutFest Achievement Award.

Luckily Standifer, Out On Film Festival Director Genevieve McGillicuddy and OOF Co-producer (and Etcetera magazine Editor) Jack Pelham heard the pre-event buzz about "An Evening With Marc Shaiman" and were able to snag three of the 200 tickets. The Oscar nominated composer for "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut," who has an impressive list of more than 40 films he has contributed to ("The American President," "The First Wives Club," "In & Out"), put together a hybrid cabaret show, of sorts. Shaiman played piano, sang, showed clips of some of his work and asked a few of his friends - Jennifer Lewis, Patti Lupone and Bette Midler - to sing live for the audience. Shaiman said one of the highlights of his career was working with Midler on her Emmy Award-winning performance on the final "Tonight Show With Jonny Carson." A touching moment came when Lupone, sans microphone, sang a song she had goofed up the night before at the Hollywood Bowl to Shaiman and his companion of 20 years, Scott Wittman. ▼

X-MAN

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Resolutely straight, as far as I know. He and his partner just adopted a child but very gay friendly. If people decided to have him as a symbol, I'm sure he'll be flattered.

Will the next step in evolution be gayness?
Well, I tend to think everybody *is* gay, but straights tend to think everybody is probably straight, and the truth is somewhere in between, I expect.

By the way, Ian. I'm calling you awfully late out in the U.K. Are you a night owl?
Well, I've just been to the theater with some friends, and we had a meal. I got back and was just doing e-mail, and I'm about to go to bed. I stay up until about 2:00 a.m.

How are things going on "Lord of the Rings" in New Zealand?
I'm in a hiatus at the moment. I go back after "X-Men" and do another five months, and I'm really enjoying it enormously. I'm enjoying being in New Zealand, which is a very, very beautiful small country. The script is astonishing, and I've got a fabulous part [Gandalf], so I'm a very happy bunny really and looking forward to being back.

"Well, I tend to think everybody is gay...."

Do you get to play opposite Elijah Wood?
Oh yes, we have a lot of scenes together.

He's a yummy little treat!
(Laughing) I'll tell him you said so.

How aware are you of your own sex symbol status? I'm sure all the Patrick Stewart queens are going to get all hot and flustered by the scenes between the two of you, desperately trying to see sexual subtexts and whatnot.
Well, I'm not aware of myself as a sex symbol. I wouldn't object if I were. It's one of the functions of actors to let people fantasize.

"X-Men" is now playing nationwide. ▼

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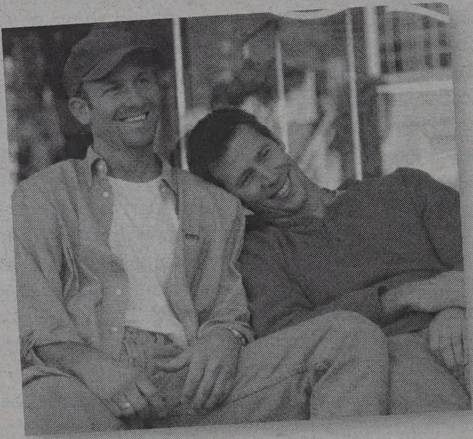

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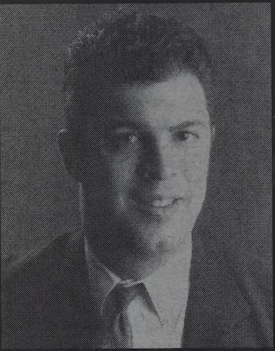

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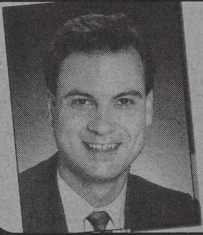

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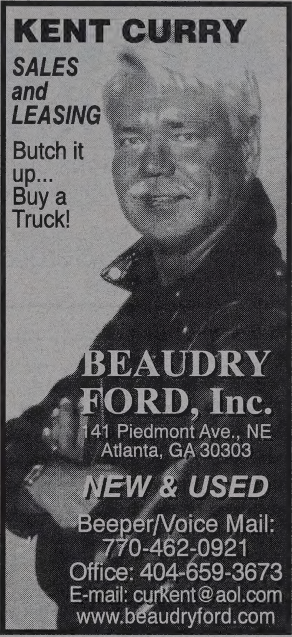

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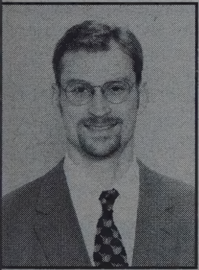

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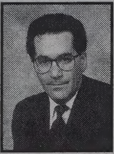

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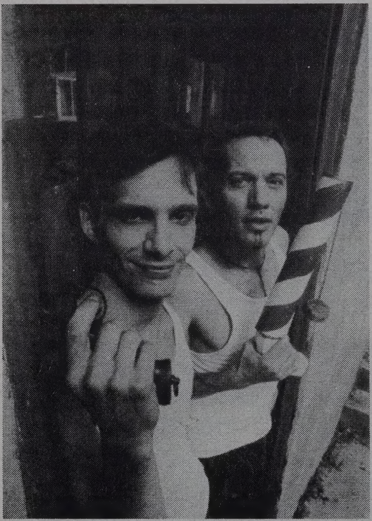
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movement. Stars Natasha Lyonne (Megan the cheerleader who is sent to rehab camp because her parents think she's a lesbian), Clea DuVall (helps Megan find out she is a lesbian), RuPaul (in boy drag as a drill instructor), Cathy Moriarty, Michelle Williams, Burt Cort, Eddie Cibrian and Mink Stole. Lefont Plaza, 1049 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-873-1939.

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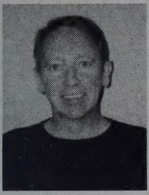

Following my annual physical in January, I decided "enough was enough." My doctor contemplated increasing my blood pressure medication. I was 5'7", 190 lbs. and had a 39" waist. As a late 40-something-year-old whose father died of a heart attack in his early 50's, I knew something had to change.

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Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (**PFLAG** Riverdale/Metro South) meets **Sunday, Aug. 13, 3:00 p.m**. at the Southern Regional Medical Center, (Medical Education wing, ground floor), the Chapter meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. Call: 404-691-4729. [32]

AIDS Survival Project will hold a **one-day workshop** targeted to **HIV Positive Women**. August 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at ASP's new offices. 159 Ralph McGill Blvd. Topics include: Current Treatments, Side Effects, Opportunistic Infections, Nutrition and Social Support. **Free** to **Women**. Meals and childcare provided. To register: 404-874-7926. [33]

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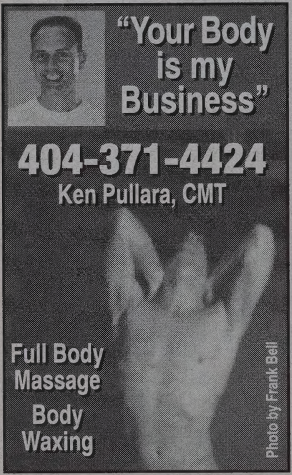

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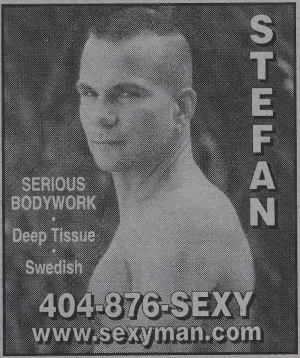

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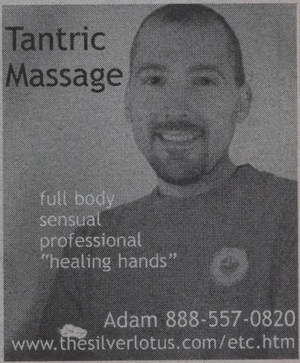

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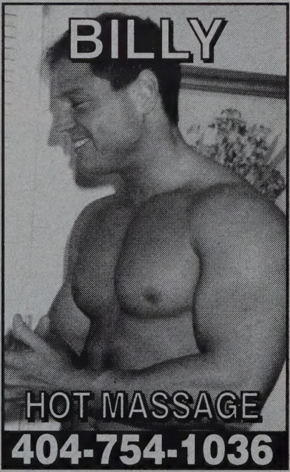
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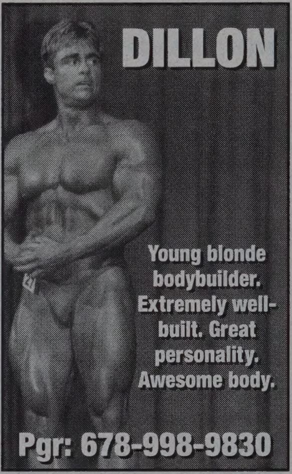
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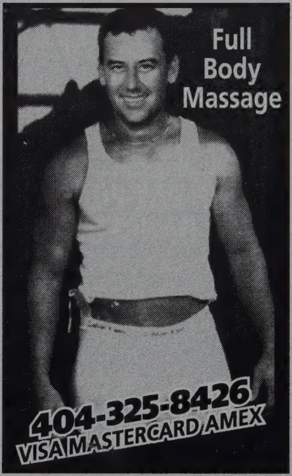
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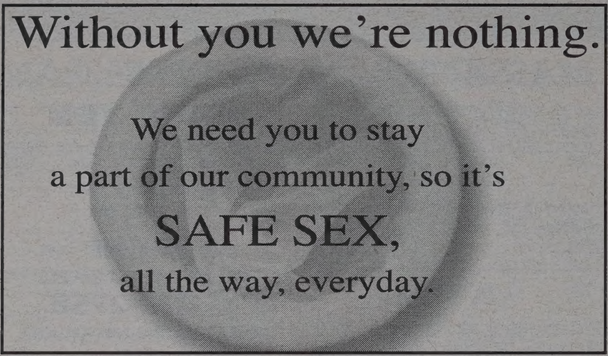
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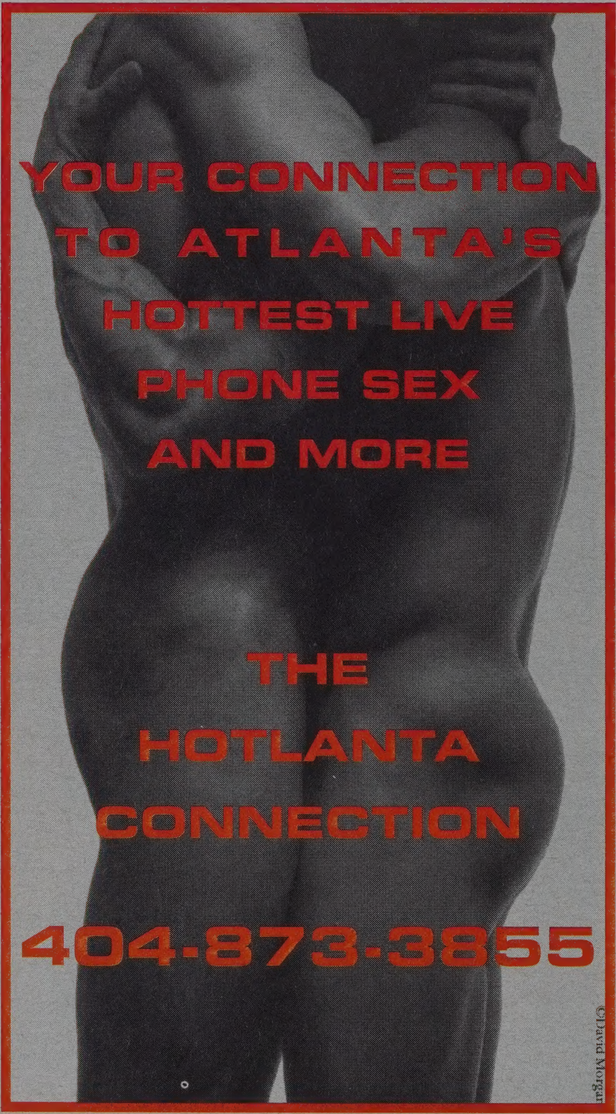

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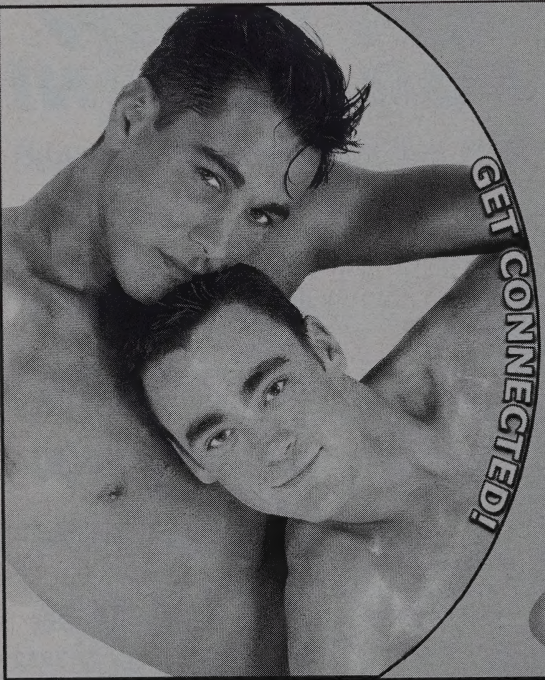
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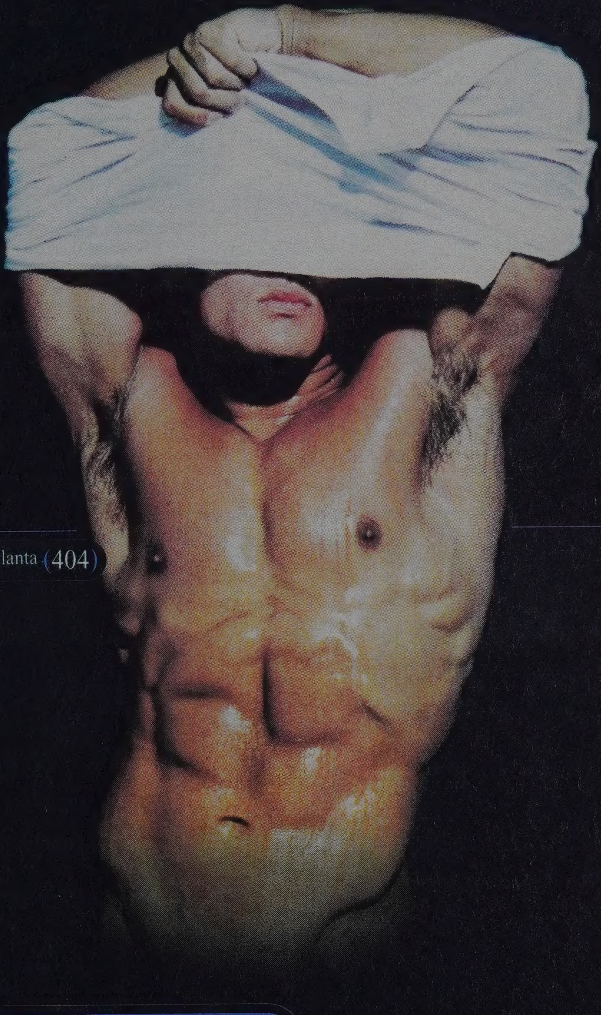

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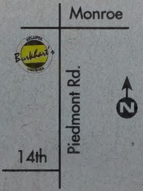

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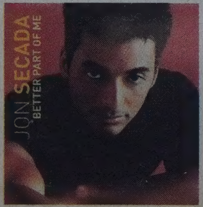

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